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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1108]

Name Parker Kennedy

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I have been an avid hunter in the state much of my life, it wasn't until 6 years ago I got into archery hunting. I can say I am out more than your average hunter and I know what the elk populations are doing. I believe something needs to be done, but this is not the right answer. We make all of eastern Oregon draw for archery we are going to see a MAJOR increase of hunting pressure in the western part of the state, and watch, the elk number will drop drastically on the coast. Hunting in Oregon will be a nightmare if this passes. If this does pass then I along with many many hunters are going out of state and your guys' department will for a fact suffer financially, much worse than you already do. There is a better way to manage, please take Wayne Endicotts ideas into consideration, he is the spokesman's for much of us hunters here in Oregon. Thank you for taking the time to hear our opinions.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Archery help would be limiting rifle tags issued per unit, archers hold a very small percentage of success rates as compared to rifle hunters. I believe if there is to be cut backs it should come from the rifle/any weapon hunters.

3. West Cascade elk I believe there will be more success in November and wouldn't be a bad thing, although archery late season hunters will be effected tremendously and will have a huge effect on rutting bucks getting pressured and may effect the breeding cycle lowering blacktail population. Maybe look into a December elk hunt?

(general any-legal weapon season):

Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

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Name	Richard Horner
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I am not in favour of a controlled season as I have not been physically able to pursue as when I was a young man. If the season is reduced as in rifle season, I feel pressured in a narrow time slot. Also limited to where to hunt. I have hunted for 56 yrs in Oregon. I stopped hunting rifle when I had to draw a tag to hunt & seasons were shortened. I have been an archer for 52 yrs. My success has not been the number of kills, but the time in the forest. And to freely hunt on most any public land.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I am not in favour of a controlled season as I have not been physically able to pursue as when I was a young man. If the season is reduced as in rifle season, I feel pressured in a narrow time slot. Also limited to where to hunt. I have hunted for 56 yrs in Oregon. I stopped hunting rifle when I had to draw a tag to hunt & seasons were shortened. I have been an archer for 52 yrs. My success has not been the number of kills, but the time in the forest. And to freely hunt on most any public land. I love the challenge of archery.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Open the season to more than a few days. A month long season would take the pressure off of a few days. Limit tags if needed, but guarantee me a tag to once every 2 or three years. I will pay a little more for it.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	As I stated, set some tag numbers, but let me have one every 2 or 3 years.

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

it is hard to build traditions when you can't count on opportunities. The harvest success rate of bow hunters, is still 1 in every 10 years! Bow hunting is not the reason herd numbers are struggling. Let us manage our cat and wolf numbers with dogs. If we are going to do anything continue to allow oregon residents over the counter opportunities to bow hunt and reduce out of state archery tags by 95%. We are seeing out of state hunters who are coming in large numbers and staying for way to long.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

cut out of state liscense sells especially in archery and please control our predator numbers.

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

A few recommendations: 1. Adapt the Idaho system. Way more equitable. 2. Can we limit "sacred" wolf numbers? 3. Reduce the number of hunters from Western Oregon that can hunt in Eastern Oregon and vice versa. 4. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...CHANGE THE SEASON DATES TO THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER (1-30) every year. No guessing anymore...just hunt September. Finally, please find a way to deal with point creep (ie. Adapt Idaho plan) I am 55 and have accumulated 13 points for a "dream Archery hunt". You know the rest of this story. I may be taking that dream hunt to my grave. Last BUT NOT LEAST: I'll say it again...ADAPT THE IDAHO SYSTEM!

Thank you for your time and helping Oregon Hunters! Much appreciated.

4. Other changes being considered I presume that, if adopted, hunters will have to declare their weapon. If they unsuccessfully apply for a rifle hunt, so be it. No falling back on archery season.

(incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) Once again, Thank you!

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	The current program should be maintained and predator management should be incentivized through the use of preference points.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	The current program should be maintained as is and predator management should be incentives through preference points in order to increase elk numbers.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Move to November
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	N/A

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Name	Chase Stallings
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No keep it the same!
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No keep it the same!

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Name	Lloyd clark
Current city of residence	bend
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	yes its a good idea
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	yes
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	The only problem is not all dedr hunters are hunting elk
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Its time to change western blacktail tags to be managed unit by unit not western oregon also there should be tag restrictions as a 63 year old hunter we have serious numbers issues in Scappoose and saddle Mt units.

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Name	Anton Wanous
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	The only change I would like to see is that if you put in for a riffle draw and don't draw you can't go and get a archery tag! Basically choose your weapon!
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as above!

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Name	Wesley BLOOD
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Do not support.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Do not support.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	N/A
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	N/A

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

My concerns being general elk season being removed all together would there be a general season for bow still or is the area just getting shrunk down? where would it be located where general rifle season cause that area is over hunted and a area with very little game. My other concerns is that this change may cause more poaching. I do fear for amount of mule deer and maybe have stronger regulations on size of mule deer can be taken and or elk like any animal larger then then a fork an horn or no animal younger then three years and give examples of how to tell. Its already hard to get a target animal with a bow. I've seen my father hunt for years and only get 3 deer and 2 elk in over 20 years with bow hunting.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. This one I do feel should be regulated but the bigger concerns is the poaching and them being hit by vehicles. Or can be set for mule deer 4 points or higher meaning a buck with 4 points on one side. Then have it set up where hunters have to show the tagged animal to fish in game.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR Maybe make this one be cow and doe only tag or high point male no spikes or fork and horns.

keep current
dates but
allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
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during elk
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hunters can
pursue both
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same time.

**4. Other
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Feel we need to allow hunters to use dogs to hunt bears and cougars once again. This would help lower their numbers and increase the numbers of elk and deer as well. And maybe start a low amount of tags going out for wolves with a \$120 cost for tag and only allow a 25 tags to go out state wide. Other then that maybe help hunters with rangs for feral hogs so we can help remove them in large numbers.

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

The mission of ODFW is to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations. I believe the change from a general season to a controlled season in eastern Oregon definitely meets the intent of the agency's mission. After hunting general archery elk in eastern Oregon for approximately five years, I am concerned about the future generation of hunters on public lands. I hope that ODFW sticks to science, facts, and best available information in making these decisions. I truly believe that even the biggest nay-sayers on these proposals will be blown away in how quickly the quality of the hunt (less hunter congestion, opportunity to see older age classes, opportunity to see more game, opportunity to introduce ethical and sound management to our youth).

I fully support changing eastern Oregon general archery elk hunts to controlled archery elk hunts for reasons mentioned in the ODFW proposals. First, I agree there has to be an effort to provide equity between hunters that exclusively or prefer to hunt with a rifle and those that choose to bowhunt. Opportunity should not exclusively be controlled for this group, forcing hunters to either not hunt or join the ever-growing crowd of hunters during archery season. Second, elk distribution challenges between private and public property are growing and if not addressed in the near future will undoubtedly worsen. In many areas, the effects of this have already significantly limited opportunity for public land hunters and has contributed to poor hunting experiences. Third, some areas are experiencing higher concentrations of archery hunters than others. Currently, ODFW has no way to more evenly distribute hunters. Further, ODFW has no mechanisms in place to manage harvest or more specifically target management objectives under the current free-for-all archery season structure. Lastly, technology of archery equipment and associated gadgets are advancing annually if not more frequently. Season structures should be in alignment with that technology, not a 40-

year old strategy.

I am a bowhunter, and would happily apply for controlled archery tags every year as a first choice in units that are currently general. I look forward to the enhanced experience this would create for archery elk hunters, so I ask the ODFW big game division to please base the final proposal on the needs of the agency and hunters based on the public forums and subsequent survey of Oregon hunters – not turned into a voting contest based on misinformation and fear being spread on social media and Facebook driven anti-support campaigns.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I fully support changing ALL mule deer hunts to controlled seasons in eastern Oregon. Mule deer populations are way under management objective across the state. Mule deer populations are declining across their range. As challenges facing mule deer populations continue to increase, strategies to manage those populations must also change and provide agencies like ODFW flexibility and a better understanding of those challenges, especially those within ODFW control like hunter numbers and ultimately harvest. Controlling archery deer hunts in eastern Oregon is critical to the conservation of mule deer, and should be viewed as an important responsibility, not an option based on opinion. Further, controlling archery hunts in eastern Oregon would also help provide more fair and reasonable opportunities between archery and rifle hunters.

Please consider best available information and data for the final proposal.

**3. West
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time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Conserving mule deer, reducing hunter congestion and improving elk distribution are the issues most important to me. I also think that addressing these issues also reflects fulfilling the agency's mission of protecting and enhancing Oregon's wildlife for use and enjoyment of present and future generations. With the current tag numbers proposed for both deer and elk during an overlapping proposed season, I'm not convinced that any of those three issues would be addressed. First, instead of archery elk hunters having a mule deer tag in their pocket "just in case," hunters will likely be actually targeting mule deer and potentially increasing harvest. Further, if there are 800 elk tags proposed in a specific unit with overlapping season dates of 800 deer tags for the same unit, you now have potentially 1,600 hunters in that unit throughout the season. This would not seem to address any of those three important issues. I recommend not overlapping season dates if possible, shortening the length of archery mule deer season by two weeks, propose WAY fewer mule deer tags for archery and then follow-up with deep cuts to rifle tags. Further, if controlled archery tags were to be leftover after the draw, they should not be made available in the leftover draw to reduce harvest even further.

Please consider reducing mule deer tags in eastern Oregon

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This will just drive hunters to other states with an over the counter option. I only archery hunt and given the odds of being successful it would be very disheartening to have to drive to idaho. Maybe keep people on the west side on the west side and vice versa. If your residence is on the west side maybe a draw only for east side and vice versa

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Same as above

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Never hunt the cascades. Don't know enough to voice my opinion

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Name Johnny Boydston

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I grew up in Oregon I now live in Arizona I hunt with my father who is a pioneer hunter of Oregon with limited entry for archery elk it would make it very questionable as to whether I could come hunt with him every season we apply for the ochocos most every year but don't always draw that hunt and having open units to over the counter tags still allows me to come to Oregon spend my out of state money and hunt with family if you make every unit a draw hunt my father and I will stop hunting Oregon and instead go to Idaho where we can over the counter hunt every year so you will lose my money as an out of state hunter and you will lose my father's money cause he won't hunt without me in Oregon

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. As said above I'm an out of state hunter that comes to Oregon to archery hunt with my in state family if you make Oregon a draw state for elk and deer archery we both will stop hunting Oregon and start hunting Idaho you should at least make tags for units first come first served and allot a number of tags for each unit like Idaho does a no draw for archery at all

3. West Cascade elk (general Do not change anything about the archery hunts it isn't needed what's needed is better predator control you screwed up letting wolves get a foothold in Oregon big giant backwards step to game management

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Pick a tag number for each unit allow 20% to out of state hunters for each unit and make them available to purchase January 1st just like Idaho does there general hunts and if by July the out of state tags for a said unit aren't sold out then open those tags up to residents to buy as a second tag for the unit but they buy it at out of state price so residents can shoot two elk or two deer depending on tag availability and like Idaho sell a second tag to hunters in any unit that didn't sale there tag quotas even if the season has started Idaho fish and game is miles ahead of Oregon in game management perhaps it's time you look at there design and stop listening to the rifle hunters in Oregon

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

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I am a bowhunter, and would happily apply for controlled archery tags every year as a first choice in units that are currently general. I look forward to the enhanced experience this would create for archery elk hunters, so I ask the ODFW big game division to please base the final proposal on the needs of the agency and hunters based on the public forums and subsequent survey of Oregon hunters – not turned into a voting contest based on misinformation and fear being spread on social media and Facebook driven anti-support campaigns.

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Please consider best available information and data for the final proposal.

3. West No comment.

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

As stated, I support the moving all of eastern Oregon elk and mule deer hunts into controlled hunting opportunities. That said, my support ultimately hinges on the ability to address the challenges presented by ODFW that determined the need for these changes. Conserving mule deer, reducing hunter congestion and improving elk distribution are the issues most important to me. With the current tag numbers proposed for both deer and elk during an overlapping proposed season, I'm not convinced that any of those three issues would be addressed. First, instead of archery elk hunters having a mule deer tag in their pocket "just in case," hunters will likely be actually targeting mule deer and potentially increasing harvest. Further, if there are 800 elk tags proposed in a specific unit with overlapping season dates of 800 deer tags for the same unit, you now have potentially 1,600 hunters in that unit throughout the season. This would not seem to address any of those three important issues. I recommend not overlapping season dates if possible, shortening the length of archery mule deer season by two weeks, propose WAY fewer mule deer tags for archery and then follow-up with deep cuts to rifle tags. Further, if controlled archery tags were to be leftover after the draw, they should not be made available in the leftover draw to reduce harvest even further.

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2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No opinion
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Elk season in November.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	No opinion

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No opinion
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No opinion
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	November

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I strongly oppose changing archery elk from a general season to a controlled season in eastern Oregon. This severely limits opportunity for resident hunters, and is at this time unnecessary. Archery hunting is still significantly less popular than rifle hunting, and consistently has lower success rates in aggregate. Some units will have higher success, but again, in aggregate archery hunters are less successful.

I believe this change is pushed by a small vocal minority who see archery elk hunting in a general season as "unfair", however this opportunity is available for anyone willing to put in the work.

Additionally a controlled season will have serious consequences for years with serious wildfires. I've often hunted three neighboring units in a given year to avoid wildfires and to get away from pressure. Archery hunting has a natural way of balancing usage across the available resource as pressure in an area will push hunters to other areas.

Please don't take away this opportunity, and first consider other models or incentives before taking away folks only opportunity to hunt in areas they've hunted for years.

2. I strongly oppose the archery deer change from a general to a controlled season.

Archery

deer change from general In the last commission meeting, it was stated that hunting is a serious factor in the decline of mule deer populations. This change doesn't help solve this issue and only serves to take away hunting opportunity

to where there continues to be sustainable harvest with a bow. This change is unnecessary, and there's not
controlled basis to believe this will provide a better experience for hunters, or help grow our mule deer populations.
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I do not agree with this
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I don't agree with this
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Could care less
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Could care less

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Controlled limited tags, later season
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Controlled mule deer! Less tags mule deer ! More Opportunity for later season whitetail hunts to control Whitetail population
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Lower wallowa valley Whitetail Hunt should be the whole county

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes, there are too many inexperienced archery hunters wounding animals because they decide at the last minute to go archery hunting.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No, I don't think there are as many bow hunters for deer since they can't be called in.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Move to November.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Allow dogs for hunting cougar and bear. Eliminate some of the wolves before they get out of control.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1088]

Name	Sarah Yager
Current city of residence	Newport
Email	sarahwhaley1987@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Not without changing it to draw in western Oregon
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Run the 2 seasons together at the same time
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Shorten the bow season and take the last week off

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:24 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1087]

Name	Luke Harris
Current city of residence	Springfield
Email	l.jharris73@yahoo.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Absolutely not
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Absolutely not
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Keep current dates, and allow deer season to continue at same time
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Keep general archery seasons for eastern Oregon as they are, put a quota on tags per unit. When they sell out they're out

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:23 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1086]

Name	Darin Silbernagel
Current city of residence	Monmouth OR
Email	silbernd@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Good idea.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Excellent idea.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I think either is better than the current season configuration.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1085]

Name	Kurt Smith
Current city of residence	PORTLAND
Email	brokenfemur10@hotmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes, but with 'plenty' of tags for draw. I would be good with 2 options for 15 day seasons too: an early 15 day season from the last weekend in Aug, and one that starts the subsequent 15 day period to the end of September.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Controlled in those units that are severely under M.O. AND in proportion, decrease the number of rifle tags for each unit. Perhaps a few units closer to M.O. (if any?) that can be general season.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Stop late seasons in all units all together in any unit significantly below M.O. Only allow a few select late season youth hunts. Increase options for muzzleloader draw hunts, and concurrently decrease the tag number for rifle seasons. Bonus points awarded for successful harvest of cougars in Eastern units. There are a significant number of Non-Residents that pay income taxes to Oregon that should be allowed preference in drawings (when non-residents tags are capped) and/or they should be allowed resident tag fees.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1084]

Name	Ryan Brolin
Current city of residence	Philomath
Email	rbrolin69@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes to controlled
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes to controlled
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Combined at same time sounds good
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Not sure

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:09 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1083]

Name	Deanne Elder
Current city of residence	Millersburg
Email	deanneelder@icloud.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Controlled
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Controlled

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1082]

Name	Danny Olson
Current city of residence	Baker city
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

It's fine to offer – at the same time offer general late season so people can hunt and you get paid.

Think like last week of November/ beginning of December for general.

All offer a fall back to help cover cost.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Three season –

Draw early archery – first week of August or 10 days or 15.

General archery – first few weeks 1st of September

Late season archery – all East units.

10 max tags – each unit.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Leave west side as general – keep the money flowing

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1081]

Name	Larry Jacobs
Current city of residence	Sherwood
Email	lljacobs4@aol.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes- Please- I have been saying this for years!
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes- Please- I believe this will eventually help deer numbers.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	My preference would be to allow deer hunting to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at the same time. Populations of both deer and elk are low in the Cascades- This would make for harvest hunt opportunities.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1080]

Name Anthony Pulver

Current Albany
city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This change would eliminate general season opportunities in the eastern Oregon units for residents of Eastern Oregon, and reducing the amount of general season archery hunters in the eastern units would be devastating for the rural Oregon communities that rely on the seasonal revenue generated from archery hunters visiting their businesses. If this change were to happen, the western units of Oregon that remain general season would be overcrowded to unsafe levels, and the big game populations will suffer tremendously. There are better ways to approach the lower big game numbers in the eastern units than to eliminate a long time tradition and opportunity for residents and non-residents alike.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This change would eliminate general season opportunities in the eastern Oregon units for residents of Eastern Oregon, and reducing the amount of general season archery hunters in the eastern units would be devastating for the rural Oregon communities that rely on the seasonal revenue generated from archery hunters visiting their businesses. If this change were to happen, the western units of Oregon that remain general season would be overcrowded to unsafe levels, and the big game populations will suffer tremendously. There are better ways to approach the lower big game numbers in the eastern units than to eliminate a long time tradition and opportunity for residents and non-residents alike.

3. West Keeping the current season and allowing deer season to continue throughout elk season would be a great
Cascade opportunity for hunters to pursue both game animals without having to take multiple vacations for separate
elk seasons like they have in the past.
(general

any-legal
weapon
season):
Move
season to
November
OR keep
current
dates but
allow
deer
hunting
in
Cascades
to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters
can
pursue
both
species at
same
time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Heavily reducing tag numbers should be the last approach to reduced big game numbers. Increasing the animal maturity to be legally taken would be a great start (ex. Changing one visible antler hunts to a 3 point or better bag limit has proven successful in the past) reducing the predator impact by changing harvest methods for private and public hunters (ex. Allowing the use of hounds for cougar) and stop wasting money on the wolf projects, as they have no value for hunters or the wildlife they devastate. They are stable enough as of now and should just be monitored and controlled the same way the other big game in Oregon are controlled. No more special attention or projects are needed.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:04 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1079]

Name Nathan Matlock

Current city of residence Redmond

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This is a knee jerk reaction to satisfy the rifle hunters. If you want to reduce archery numbers, you need to go to choose your weapon, instead of punishing the people who archery hunt every year. Rifle hunters take nearly 75% of the animals, but since their numbers are higher the ODFW seems to pander to them and the people who have LOP access instead of the true archery hunters. Once again, do not punish archery hunters who take less than 20% of the animals in this state and have to work harder for them. Archery numbers are only increasing because unsuccessful rifle hunters grab a bow tag when they don't draw. If you take out that group, then the numbers will decrease.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Once again this will have zero benefit to anyone but rifle hunters and land owners. We should go to choose your weapon before taking opportunities away from the masses.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) I think if a person draws a tag whether it is first choice or fifth choice, they should lose their points. This will help to reduce the people in the field, which seems to be the goal of ODFW. Also for any new hunters they have no motivation to apply for hard to draw tags because they have zero chance of ever catching the older hunters who have been putting in for years. If you want to increase hunter opportunities and retention, need to reduce point creep.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1078]

Name	Andrew Partin
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Change to controlled
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2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Change to controlled
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3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Allow deer same time as elk
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Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1077]

Name	Evelyn Raymond
Current city of residence	Albany
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Same time together

Nick Myatt

From: Justin Faulhaber <faulhaj@eou.edu>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:38 PM
To: Nick Myatt
Subject: Re: Recent Hunter Survey Results

Nick,

I was just looking through the survey results and the “proposed” 2021 tags numbers. I’m a little irritated with both. I currently have 15 preference points for elk. I apply for Walla Walla Archery each year and when I don’t draw, I hunt the Starkey Unit with a general eastern Oregon tag. The 2021 “proposal” has Starkey Archery at 1,100 tags. Looking at 2019 statistics there were 1,601 hunters that hunted the Starkey unit with a general archery tag. Based on this there is no chance that I could draw Starkey as a second choice tag. I live in Eastern Oregon for a reason and part of that reason is the ability to hunt locally. I have no desire to hunt the west side or have to travel there to hunt. I’m certainly not going to burn my 15 points on a hunt that requires 1 point. I would like to hunt eastern Oregon each year for archery and I don’t see how that is possible for someone with a large number of preference points.

I’m sure that I’m not the only archery hunter with this concern. It is also irritating that if 70-90% of Oregon hunters prefer “rifle” as a preferred method of take but true archery hunters are being punished. Why is “choose a weapon” not a proposal. Seems like it’s been discussed for 20 plus years but I don’t see it being proposed.

I understand the reason for the proposal but I think that it’s impacting archery hunters unfairly.

Justin

On Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 8:13 PM Nick Myatt <Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us> wrote:

Thank Justin. Take care

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 18, 2020, at 8:10 PM, Justin Faulhaber <faulhaj@eou.edu> wrote:

Thanks for getting back to me Nick. I appreciate the work you guys do and the challenges you guys face trying to manage our wildlife and hunting opportunities.

Justin

On Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 5:17 PM Nick Myatt <Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us> wrote:

Justin:

Thanks for the note. Sorry, I hope you understand that right now I don’t have time to answer all of your questions in detail given the number of emails that are coming in. The majority of your questions will be answered in information we are getting ready to put out to the public on our website.

As for survey results, yes there will be a very detailed report available in the next couple weeks on our website. Visit <https://myodfw.com/articles/big-game-review> and you can sign up to receive emails or text whenever we update the info.

“Why are we not looking at keeping eastern Oregon as general archery but limiting the tags by unit and selling them on a first come first serve basis?” That is pretty much the same thing as having a controlled hunt. We have tried that in the past with other seasons. What happens is people buy them very early in the season, but then never go hunting so it takes away opportunity from other hunters that would have actually gone hunting.

Thank you for taking the time to do the survey and send me a note. After you look at the info we provide, feel free to get back to me with any unanswered questions.

Nick Myatt

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From: Justin Faulhaber <faulhaj@eou.edu>

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:53 AM

To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us

Subject: Recent Hunter Survey Results

Hello Matt,

I'm sure you are extremely busy with emails and calls concerning the new proposals. I was one of the few selected to complete the recent survey and was just curious when those results would become available and where they would be posted?

I agree that some changes are needed to address the identified issues with eastern Oregon general archery. I don't believe the proposed controlled archery hunts in eastern Oregon is the best option for numerous reasons and I tried to explain that in detail when I completed the survey. My question is at this point is ODFW only considering the proposals you discussed in your power point to the commission? Or can other options still be implemented for 2021?

Why are we not looking at keeping eastern Oregon as general archery but limiting the tags by unit and selling them on a first come first serve basis? This seems to work for Idaho.

Is selecting a weapon not a viable option either? Where the if a hunter applies for a controlled rifle elk tag and are unsuccessful they are not allowed to purchase a general archery elk tag?

Any feedback would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your time and what you do.

Justin Faulhaber

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:37 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1076]

Name Ramon Alonso

Current Sisters

city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This is a request not a comment. Thanks for creating the big game review web page, I have reviewed all info posted, trying to be informed before providing input. Can the following data also be posted to the web site to help inform folks:

Based on hunter reporting or other info what are your estimated number of bowhunters in each unit.

How many bull elk are estimated harvested annually by archery hunting in each unit, for the past several years.

How many people buy a general bow elk tag. How many of these people apply for a rifle hunt before purchasing general bow tag.

Summary of management objectives for each unit or area.

Thanks

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1075]

Name	Dustin Baker
Current city of residence	Redmond
Email	dbakerfishin@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Not into archery Elk as much.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Please do not go controlled in Eastern Oregon and making it an ONLY Opportunity is a horrible idea. I enjoy hunting Central Oregon and when not successful I enjoy with my family hunting Western Oregon during the late season while we are out looking for Christmas Trees and such. This is a completely bad idea.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	N/A
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Reduce the Ceded tags for Warm Springs in the Metolious and you will see a dramatic increase in deer populations.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1074]

Name	Jared Bonney
Current city of residence	Forest Grove
Email	jbonney81@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	The problem with is it will send all the folks that dont draw to the already over crowded west side of the state.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I think mule deer should be closed until there is a rebound in numbers i spent a week in sled springs in December last year and saw 3 mule deer the whole trip its sad to see the state that they are in.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	You should allow the deer hunt to go through the elk season so that people have the opportunity to harvest both animals at once
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	We need much better control of predators!!!

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1073]

Name	Sidney Lilienthal
Current city of residence	Glide
Email	sidneylilienthal@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Thats a good idea and I approve.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Thats a good idea as long as the season is generous.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No opinion.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	No Opinion.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1072]

Name	Dave Campagna
Current city of residence	Bend
Email	dave@kronsbergelectric.com

1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I've been in favor of this for many years now..
Archery Hunt's should be controlled Hunt's, just like rifle Hunt's.
More so now than ever, with big game numbers dropping.
Everyone should choose their weapon when applying for a hunt.
It does not seem fair to people that archery hunt, to have non successful rifle hunters, picking up a bow just to ruin a hunt for a traditional archery hunter.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Same as above

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1071]

Name David Garrison

Current city of residence Black Diamond Washington

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I only hunt elk with archery in Oregon. Therefore, my comments are a little biased. I have hunt Oregon since early 80's with mixed success. With the changes to controlled bull and spike only seasons I have seen crowding in the any elk areas that the Dept created by limiting hunting in the other areas. This proposal will cause those hunters who want to hunt any elk every year to either quit hunting Oregon or hunt western Oregon.

Since most areas are at or above objective for elk, it appears this is a totally unnecessary change. Rifle hunters have more than twice the success average as archery hunters so I believe the decrease in Rifle hunters and increase in archery hunters is due to all hunters wanting to be able to hunt multiple areas based on several issues unique to the individuals circumstances. Controlled hunts as proposed will not help this, only make it worse.

Additionally, all States are loosing hunters and Oregon is trying to find ways to increase hunter numbers. This proposal will surely decrees hunter numbers further. Non-resident hunters (who pay the highest fees) will be most impacted by this change. The only opportunity areas are also a big problem. There is no way I will buy the expensive tags, plan a vacation trip, make necessary partner plans and then not be able to hunt somewhere. Idaho is begging for hunters.

Possibly increasing the percentage of tags available to nonresidents will help keep the money coming to Oregon .

Regarding elk on private land, I have a suggestion for the land owner tag program. Increase the number of tags allotted to land owners but make them "limited area" tags "only valid" on the private property of the land holder.

2. **Archery deer: change from** Although I don't buy a deer tag because I don't think a deer is worth the price for nonresidents, the same comments above apply to the controlled hunt plans.

general
to
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1070]

Name James Thrower

Current Sisters
city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

A big part of the overcrowding in archery season is that hunters apply for controlled rifle tags and if they fail to get one, they buy a general archery tag and hunt with a bow. I think that limiting archery hunters to one unit is too restrictive. instead I would propose that hunters would have to choose between their rifle tag and a general archery eastern oregon elk tag.

If that would be too broad for management objectives perhaps look at grouping some of the management units together. For instance each year I typically hunt in the Snake River, Pine Creek and Imnaha units on any given day as they are contiguous units.

3. West This plan may encourage poaching unless all hunters are required to have both deer and
Cascade elk tags in their possession when hunting
elk
(general
any-legal
weapon
season):
Move
season to
November
OR keep
current
dates but
allow

deer
hunting
in
Cascades
to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters
can
pursue
both
species at
same
time.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1069]

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Yes. Point creep would go down in the big three. Less pressure on animals, better quality hunting.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Yes.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. Move to keep deer/elk separate.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) Allow two fall bear tags statewide, not SW only for second. Bear numbers need to be curbed.

GET RID OF DOE HUNTS!!!!

Deer populations are not anywhere near the management goals.

Killing does kills an exponential number of deer that could be born! It's not that hard to comprehend!

Curbing for cougar populations. If we cannot have the use of dogs back, then get govt trappers in to thin numbers.

The studies done in select units show a huge increase of deer after cougars were taken out.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1068]

Name Chris Norman

Current city of residence Prineville

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Been putting in for ochoco archery ever since it became a draw only unit . sometimes I have not drawn that tag for 3 years in a row. General tag is the only way ive been able to hunt every year that I don't draw. My thoughts that some units should remain general but with # of tags given. First come first serve basis .To make all units a draw I feel would leave a lot of hunters with no way to hunt but for every few years or so . ive only killed one elk my self 26 years ago ive had opportunity plenty of times but could make it happen with that. Being said I love hunting and my kids are getting into now and if we can't ever buy a general tag they might loose interest if they have to wait 3 years in between hunting

2. I feel like doing this would take away a lot hunters chance to hint but every few years if they don't draw then they won't be able to hunt any where east of cascades. I feel as there should be more archery tags available as well and less rifle tags. Take ochoco for example 2200 rifle buck tags only 400 archery buck when its a lot harder to tag an animal with a bow than a rifle. If it is low herd #'s that has this change being considered then I would rather close hunting all together for 2 years and see if the #'s come back. But also less rifle tags will increase herd #'s as well

Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1067]

Name	Justin Hayes
Current city of residence	Culver
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Oregon needs to consider predator control bring back dogs for predators.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Oregon needs to consider predator control bring back dogs for predators.
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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Bring back dogs for predators.

Nick Myatt

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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1066]

Name	Kevin King
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I would only recommend this option for units that are getting a lot of pressure during archery season. I would also recommend moving the archery and the rifle hunt dates two weeks later than they are now.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as above.....
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Agree with both options mentioned. There are other states that offer hunting both species at the same time, Montana is one that does this. I hunt MT every 3 years and it is a huge cost savings for the hunter being able to hunt both species simultaneously.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1065]

Name Brad McMorran

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I have lived in Oregon for 60 years. Been hunting since I was old enough to walk and keep up with my father. I am still an avid Big Game, Upland Bird hunter and Fur Bearer trapper in the winter. Needless to say, I'm not a weekend-warrior hunter and spend ALOT of time in the wild places. I have attend several of your meetings on subjects of interest and that cause me concern. Clearly, in my lifetime, I have seen changes in ODFW polices and regulations. Some I agree with, some I don't. Items I agree with are: Elk and Deer populations have indeed moved more into the private lands. But what I don't agree with you on is why. Sure, food and habitat are better on private lands, but that has always been the case, right! So lets seriously ask ourselves, "what has changed"? I have brought this question up at meetings with your field biologist and offered an answer I know to be true. In a word {Predation}! Both Elk and Deer have learned it is just simply safer living closer to human activity. Unfortunately, my answer has routinely been dismissed by your representatives. It shouldn't be, it's true and a fact.

So now your thinking that by making Eastern Oregon Archery season a per-unit draw tag and therefore limiting the number of Archery hunters per unit; this will somehow push the Elk and Deer back to public lands? This logic escapes me and I'm sure this is true for most sane hunters.

If you want the Elk and Deer populations to return to Eastern Oregon public land, let me offer a few ideas that will actually work. #1 First and foremost reduce the number of predators on public lands; cougar, bears, wolves, by whatever means legal. Perhaps, offer more trapping and hunting opportunities of these species. #2 Reduce the amount of cattle grazing allowed. I have seen large areas in the Heppner unit on National Forest Lands that look like someone mowed it with a lawn mower. Not leaving much for the wildlife to feed on. I've seen natural water holes destroyed or so polluted with cow feces it would be unpleasant for wildlife to use. #3 Stop Ranchers from taking their chainsaws on

leased National Forest lands and cutting open and driving any and all roads, closed or not. Thus opening it up to everyone else with a 4x4 vehicle or OHV to now drive on. Creating more and more human presence and habitat destruction on public lands. #4 Work with private land owners to create more Big Game hunting opportunities on their lands. Offer better financial rewards for private land owners to participate in these programs.

Now, I've played this game with ODFW before and I'm not going to get my hopes up that you will actually, seriously consider any of my suggestions. If I have learned anything from the ODFW meetings I have attended, it is that you have already made your decision on this issue and this is just an attempt to make us feel we have a say.

Hopeful, Scott McMorran

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Same as my Elk suggestions. When you have a formula of Pray < Predators, the deer will move closer to human activity for safety. Thus moving to private lands. Don't limit Archery hunters access, limit the all year long predation by cougars, bears, and wolves.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both No comment.

species at
same time.

4. Other See above.

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(incl. tag
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tables for
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hunts)

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1064]

Name	pete Cystal
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	HARD NO! lets go with pick a weapon before the draw. i'm having trouble finding any wildlife management in this change. people who complain about overcrowding are only covering for their lack of skill and determination.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No on this change. lets go with pick a weapon before the draw. managing for lower lion numbers would be a better approach.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1063]

Name Ron Snell

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

My Son and I archery hunt every year in the Desolation Unit. At this time he has 10 preference points that we have been saving for one last hunt (for me) in the Mt Emily Unit. The Mt Emily Unit is where I started hunting very young and now it take 17-19 points to obtain a tag. If archery goes to preference points and in order to stay in the running for a Mt Emily tag, we would have to enter Desolation Unit as 2nd choice and the possibility of not being able to hunt for years. Has this been considered as the impact to the hard to get units? I also suggest eliminating "any elk" for archery. That has increased the hunter numbers in Desolation Unit since the change to allow it. There are not enough elk and I do see and know of them going to private lands (go transport them off).

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. No comment on deer other than the predators have taken the toll on them for many years to come.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR N/C

keep current
dates but
allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
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species at
same time.

4. Other N/C
changes being
considered
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1062]

Name Brian Bryson

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

No ! Your own agency said that the archery hunters only counts for 21–23% of the hunters. You are only after the application fee and will drive hunters from Oregon. Do you have to control hunters to help manage wildlife? Yes. However you have to control predators more so and you are failing miserably at this. You can't just blame the Oregon laws either, you have to show factually based evidence to legislators to help out this in front of the voters again to allow hunting bears and cougars with dogs. And you wolf program is an absolute disgrace ! You have no idea how many actual wolf packs you have or total numbers of wolves in Oregon. You need to get it together on this topic or you will be having to put all of western Oregon in for draw only as well within the next 5–10 years. And when that happens your agency will become bankrupt due to the lack of hunters applying and instead hunting other states.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

No ! Your own agency said that the mule deer decline was NOT due to archery hunters which only counts for 21–23% of the hunters. You are only after the application fee and will drive hunters from Oregon. Do you have to control hunters to help manage wildlife? Yes. However you have to control predators more so and you are failing miserably at this. You can't just blame the Oregon laws either, you have to show factually based evidence to legislators to help out this in front of the voters again to allow hunting bears and cougars with dogs. And you wolf program is an absolute disgrace ! You have no idea how many actual wolf packs you have or total numbers of wolves in Oregon. You need to get it together on this topic or you will be having to put all of western Oregon in for draw only as well within the next 5–10 years. And when that happens your agency will become bankrupt due to the lack of hunters applying and instead hunting other states.

3. West Cascade elk Ok... hunting seasons should be a specific date and not move per calendar year to a Saturday . Example is Spring Turkey

(general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) If this helps the agency manage wildlife more then yes.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1061]

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Please do not make this change. This would take away a lot of opportunity for hunters. With how expansive wildfires have become it would greatly increase the odds of a lot of hunters missing out on elk season completely, and I find that unacceptable.

ODFW just last year allocated an unlimited amount of private land cow elk hunts. If we have an elk population shortage those should be limited first. Please do not take away access and opportunity of your hunters.

If archery hunters are only able to hunt one unit I believe the success rate of those hunters would increase. I also believe the woods would be even more crowded than what folks complain about now.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. We need to recover our mule deer population. Any means necessary.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move Keep the format the way it is. Rifle hunting elk in November would increase harvest rates. Also I think we would see a higher amount of poaching cases with rifle hunters, hunting elk during the blacktail rut. No reason to allow folks to hunt deer during cascade elk season unless they have a valid elk tag as well.

season to If it is written that hunters would be required to have a valid Cascade elk tag to hunt deer during that
November OR time I would support it.
keep current
dates but
allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
pursue both
species at
same time.

4. Other Get rid of the ridiculous, unlimited amount of cow elk hunts on private lands. Including the ones during
changes being the time while cow elk are pregnant. Also eliminate any mule deer doe hunts or blacktail doe hunts
considered unless it is a youth tag.
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1060]

Name	TYLER STAUDENMIER
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Not in favor for this
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Disagree

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1059]

Name Ben Lane

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Most destination units are already controlled. I don't see what will change.

Secure more private land access. Bring back the Master Hunter program and make that access available to those that toe the line.

Ethical hunters should be held in high regard by the state.

Instead we are slapped in the face, made to watch a tagging system that has always worked go to ruin in the name of technology. You've taken any risks poachers take and eliminated them by allowing them to print thier own tags on copy paper. It's the most counterproductive move I've ever seen or heard of.

Law enforcement is well aware as I've spoken with many and they are not happy about it either.

You should start here. Before you increase or reduce opportunities for all, fix this new tagging system. We'd all be better off going back to a waterproof tag you could punch with a knife.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

One of the best things about bow hunting has always been the freedom to try new units without having to plan and draw.

What should be considered is the vast improvement in archery equipment in the past 30 years. You used to have to learn and practice to be lethal with your equipment. Now, if you didn't draw your rifle tag, you can pick up a modern cam bow and be lethally grouping arrows by that evening.

I have nothing against anyone hunting with rifle and bow. I do both depending on what tags I draw.

My point is that archery season should remain liberal in length and area. Consider making general season for traditional equipment. Increase opportunity wherever possible to encourage those who want to hunt a liberal archery season, will have the "want to" to learn and master their equipment.

I love my cam bow but acknowledge that it belongs in its own season as a modern weapon.

At the very least, if you make more units controlled, you should leave the state open to traditional hunting. While there are a few hunters who would kill their buck every year, compared to compound hunters that figure is probably 1 to 100.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Just remember, one heavy snow year and it turns into a November slaughter. Two years in a row and now you've got problems. I've seen it in October. By moving the dates you increase the chance of it ten fold.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Fix the tagging system first.

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1058]

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

How many general season archery hunters are people who put in for 1st season rifle tags and did not draw? I believe this is a problem. How do you plan on addressing people who have waited for many years 18-20 to draw Wenaha, Mt Emily, Walla Walla archery hunts. Waiting this long for this tag a hunter should have a bit of say in the year they want to draw. The way the current point system an draw work they either have to put in for the unit and then a different draw unit as second choice. You should at least allow a point saver 1st choice and then allow to put in for a proposed new archery draw a second choice. Your program I believe is taking away from the true archery hunters your data show a decrease in rifle hunter starting in 1995 an increase in archery hunters the same year. That is obvious the increase is due to rifle hunters not drawing tags and then archery hunting. It should be a choose your weapon or have a cap on general season tags. That way archery hunters will buy there tags early and the rifle hunters that do not draw will have limited chance to buy general archery tags. Regulate the number of non-residence through a draw.

2. Really do not have an input on this except you will loose out on deer tag revenue from my family as we usually buy general season deer archery tags. I am not going to pay an \$8.00 fee to apply for the archery deer tag.

Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in

eastern

Oregon.

Nick Myatt

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Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1057]

Name	Larry Davis
Current city of residence	Oregon City
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No , no changes Address the real problem predators.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No , no changes. Address the real problem predator control.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Absolutely not. Address the real problem predator control.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	1) address the real problem predator control. 2) you want more hunters you want more fishermen but you restrict our hunting in our fishing opportunities we have less game then we have ever had. 3) wolves cougars grizzly bears you put the Bulltrout back in the water how stupid can you guys be.

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1056]

Name	Kyle Heyne
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I believe archery hunters need to keep our general season we have to many elements in our season with weather and fires in our units it will also hurt the hunters waiting years for the top 3 units for elk I'm fine with a 3 point minimum on our elk to help manage but don't take our hunting rights away because we will never get them back

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

We need to manage the deer properly stop letting the young stock of deer like forked horns and spike being harvested keep the general season open and modify it with point management and let the hunters manage the wildlife properly

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Odfw please manage the predator properly and quit ruining our hunting due to poor management we as hunters are the the one paying to keep our rights and management going so don't make the archery hunters or any hunters suffer we want to hunt it's our right and we have enough regulations chocking us down to where it's hard enough as it is so please do your part and think of the hunters first

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Good evening,

Hope everyone on the commission and at ODFW are doing well during these unprecedented times. I am writing you to share some of my comments and concerns with the commission regarding the proposed changes to the general archery elk and deer hunting. I have watched a meeting that was posted a few days ago, link https://youtu.be/lj8_TYbFjs. I have some concerns about the proposed changes and some I agree with. This is lengthy, and I apologize. I tried to be succinct but also share some important concerns, especially in the last two paragraphs of this email. I hope everyone on the commission takes the time to read this in it's entirety.

I will provide a little background so you know a little about me, my experiences, and how I have come to some of my conclusions. I'm not here to just complain. I have hunted in Oregon for approximately 30 years and went hunting with my family well before that. I have primary hunted the east side of the state with Imnaha and Heppner units being where I spent the majority of my time. I have hunted the west side too but prefer the east side of the state because anecdotally the hunting pressure was/is less and there seemed to be better numbers Of wildlife. I remember when I was a kid, I was archery hunting with my dad and we would count over 100 deer in the mornings and 100 deer in the evenings. We weren't very successful back then because honestly the equipment was primitive but we always had a great time. Unfortunately, i can't say that anymore and go days without even seeing a mule deer. I hunted in Heppner with my mom for rifle elk and it was common that we would get 1-3 elk even when the state enacted draw for rifle hunting. I got two spikes the 1st couple years I hunted. We would often see large numbers of elk. My point to this is that I have seen deer and elk populations change over my life.

I would like to start my discussion with mule deer. The numbers have drastically decreased and I attribute some of this to their habitat, ie loss of bitterbrush, some human encroachment, increase in white tail deer population in mule deer habitat, but the biggest problem is predators. The worst apex predator for deer is the wolf. I routinely find wolf sign, have seen wolves, and find kills from wolves.

I have a couple questions about mule deer and wolves. Are biologists physically counting deer on a regular basis? Could I find out the counts, current and historical, and how they are counting them? I remember biologists used to use aircraft and would count them when they were on their winter grounds. These numbers used to be publicized. My parents told me about how they used to get Bitterbrush seeds with their license and then they were asked to spread them while they were hunting. We pay a lot of money to hunt and appreciate conservation. Why can't we do this again? Maybe a pack of seeds might cost \$1? Bitterbrush is one of the primary foods that help get mule deer through the winter. This could be a cheap way of helping restore mule deer habitat. The last study I read on this that was published by ODFW was so long ago. Where is the updated research?

Next I would like to discuss elk. Again anecdotally, I have seen an increase in elk numbers. For the most part their population has done very well. Elk have shown they can adapt. They started out as a plains animal and have adapted to living in riparian forests all over the state. However, predators are also a big problem for elk. Bears are known to eat calves as they are being born. Wolves also prey on the weak and young. Elk have learned this and during archery season, herds especially bulls have become less vocal. Again, do biologists routinely count elk populations, if so how and where can I find the #'s?

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My questions are about ODFW catering so much to wolves. What is the budget to monitor and protect these predators? How does that budget compare to other species? Why are biologists gating the roads to protect wolves but only put up signs for deer and elk? Why is ODFW monitoring our legal travels? Isn't this a violation of our rights? I have received this information from a very reliable source. If this is not factual, can ODFW share empirical information to prove this is not

factual?

Lastly, I would like to discuss how ODFW has come to the decision to propose these changes to general archery hunting on the east side of the state. From what I watched, I did not see scientific empirical data presented to the commission on why the change is needed. I do believe that something needs to be done with mule deer but I'm not seeing it with elk. In fact, most of what I heard from this meeting was about a survey they had put out. Why are we/you relying on a making some very important decisions from a random survey? Was this survey a scientific survey? I did not see anything showing it was. Our ODFW biologists are scientists with science degrees. Shouldn't they be using scientific research and empirical data to present changes to the commission? Rather, it seems what was presented was information about what people who completed the survey wanted to share.

I urge all of you on the commission to take a close look at what is being presented. I also ask that if you did not get scientific empirical data, to not make a decision at this time and request the ODFW biologists go back and bring back the data that you need. We are talking about animal conservation first and foremost. Me as a hunter and a person, believe that conservation is very important. I also believe that hunters pay a tremendous amount of money to ODFW with the hopes that conservation is being done equally across the board. Currently, I believe that is not being done because ODFW is not sharing this information. I also believe wolf conservation is a higher priority than conservation of deer, elk, and other big game animals.

I have much more but this sums up some of the bigger concerns I have. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions?

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I urge all of you on the commission to take a close look at what is being presented. I also ask that if you did not get scientific empirical data, to not make a decision at this time and request the ODFW biologists go back and bring back the data that you need. We are talking about animal conservation first and foremost. Me as a hunter and a person, believe that conservation is very important. I also believe that hunters pay a tremendous amount of money to ODFW with the hopes that conservation is being done equally across the board. Currently, I believe that is not being done because ODFW is not sharing this information. I also believe wolf conservation is a higher priority than conservation of deer, elk, and other big game animals.

I have much more but this sums up some of the bigger concerns I have. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions?

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Good evening,

Hope everyone on the commission and at ODFW are doing well during these unprecedented times. I am writing you to share some of my comments and concerns with the commission regarding the proposed changes to the general archery elk and deer hunting. I have watched a meeting that was posted a few days ago, link https://youtu.be/lj8_TYbFBjs. I have some concerns about the proposed changes and some I agree with. This is lengthy, and I apologize. I tried to be succinct but also share some important concerns, especially in the last two paragraphs of this email. I hope everyone on the commission takes the time to read this in it's entirety.

I will provide a little background so you know a little about me, my experiences, and how I have come to some of my conclusions. I'm not here to just complain. I have hunted in Oregon for approximately 30 years and went hunting with my family well before that. I have primarily hunted the east side of the state with Imnaha and Heppner units being where I spent the majority of my time. I have hunted the west side too but prefer the east side of the state because anecdotally the hunting pressure was/is less and there seemed to be better numbers of wildlife. I remember when I was a kid, I was archery hunting with my dad and we would count over 100 deer in the mornings and 100 deer in the evenings. We weren't very successful back then because honestly the equipment was primitive but we always had a great time. Unfortunately, I can't say that anymore and go days without even seeing a mule deer. I hunted in Heppner with my mom for rifle elk and it was common that we would get 1-3 elk even when the state enacted draw for rifle hunting. I got two spikes the 1st couple years I hunted. We would often see large numbers of elk. My point to this is that I have seen deer and elk populations change over my life.

I would like to start my discussion with mule deer. The numbers have drastically decreased and I attribute some of this to their habitat, ie loss of bitterbrush, some human encroachment, increase in white tail deer population in mule deer habitat, but the biggest problem is predators. The worst apex predator for deer is the wolf. I routinely find wolf sign, have seen wolves, and find kills from wolves.

I have a couple questions about mule deer and wolves. Are biologists physically counting deer on a regular basis? Could I find out the counts, current and historical, and how they are counting them? I remember biologists used to use aircraft and would count them when they were on their winter grounds. These numbers used to be publicized. My parents told me about how they used to get Bitterbrush seeds with their license and then they were asked to spread them while they were hunting. We pay a lot of money to hunt and appreciate conservation. Why can't we do this again? Maybe a pack of seeds might cost \$1? Bitterbrush is one of the primary foods that help get mule deer through the winter. This could be a cheap way of helping restore mule deer habitat. The last study I read on this that was published by ODFW was so long ago. Where is the updated research?

Next I would like to discuss elk. Again anecdotally, I have seen an increase in elk numbers. For the most part their population has done very well. Elk have shown they can adapt. They started out as a plains animal and have adapted to living in riparian forests all over the state. However, predators are also a big problem for elk. Bears are known to eat calves as they are being born. Wolves also prey on the weak and young. Elk have learned this and during archery season, herds especially bulls have become less vocal. Again, do biologists routinely count elk populations, if so how and where can I find the #'s?

Next I would like to discuss predators, especially wolves. Here is where anecdotally I think biologists are catering to. I read and hear more info being put out from ODFW about wolves than many other species. I've hunted Mt Emily unit for spring bear and helped my daughter 3 years ago when she drew an archery bull tag on the random draw. This unit has a large amount of elk and a very large amount of wolves & bears. I have seen the most wolf sign and wolves in this unit. I do know of several roads that are gated to vehicular traffic because the wolves have dens in the area. I also know that ODFW puts up cameras to monitor these roads.

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1054]

Name	Kevin Bassett
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. As an Oregonian, I vehemently disagree with this idea, You all seem hell bent on destroying, salmon fishing, and now you all are setting your sites on the archery general hunting season. Enough with your BS. Let us hunt and fish as we always were able to.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. As an Oregonian, I vehemently disagree with this idea, You all seem hell bent on destroying, salmon fishing, and now you all are setting your sites on the archery general hunting season. Enough with your BS. Let us hunt and fish as we always were able to.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time. I do not agree with this. Deer hunting should not be happening at the same time as Elk season. This will create a dangerous atmosphere. What the hell are you all thinking. Ridiculous. Must be smoking too much dope.

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1053]

Name	Allen Childs
Current city of residence	LaGrande
Email	achilds@frintier.com

1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

No that proposed 2021 tags have come out, my previous comments out equitable tag distribution between rifle and archery allocations needs to be repeated. Multiple units (lookout, pine Cr, jesting as examples) have a nearly even distribution of bull elk tags between archery and rifle. Other than ODFW bias towards rifle hunting, why wouldn't there be more archery tags with consistent lower harvest success rates with archery equipment.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Similar observation above for DWR tag allocation in multiple units.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1052]

Name	Douglas Hawkins
Current city of residence	Klamath falls
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Any change will further put ODFW out of compliance with ORS 496.012. Any action taken that keeps ODFW from providing optimal hunting opportunities will be met with law suits filed on behalf of the sportsman ODFW has already failed to adhere to this ORS according to the population surveys
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Any change to the seasons will be out of compliance with ORS 496.012 and the sportsman will file a law suit

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1051]

Name	John Barnum
Current city of residence	BEND
Email	johnmkarenr@msn.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Leave as is
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Leave as is
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	no comment
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Make lions a predator instead of big game. Would solve much of the game population problems.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1050]

Name	Lester Carver
Current city of residence	Albany
Email	lestercarver@msn.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I don't archery hunt so i would not know
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as above
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Move elk season to November why not go back to the way it was and let us hunt deer and elk like it was. back in the 70s
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Dont really know

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1049]

Name Jordan Rose

Current city of residence Gresham

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

No, No, No

Come on ODFW are you kidding. Let's be real for a minute. Archery hunters are NOT the issue here, and you know it.

The real issue that you know are true:

1. Limit out of state hunters, with quota like Idaho, don't limit Oregon residents that have been paying and live there life in Oregon.

2. THE REAL ISSUE: that you ODFW will not even consider which in my opinion is a complete failure of your job, and I believe if we could have elected officials you would be jobless period. The issue is over abundance of predators, you know this is true. Cougars, bears, coyotes, and now your new intruder of the woods your favorite dog the wolf?? Give me a break guys. Plan and simple predators are a huge problem, not hunter overcrowding, especially not archery hunters.

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3. West Leave it at be, let them hunt both species at once

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

1. Limit out of state hunters. I witnessed more non residents hunts in the Northside archery elk hunting last year than residents. Unbelievable. But you probably wouldn't want to lose that steady income so you won't even consider reducing non residents, and providing more for the people that actually live here? Like most other states do? Provide for your own first then worry about non residents opportunity.

2. Control predators, STOP managing wildlife for predators and start managing wildlife for the hunters who pay your wages and conservation efforts to we will have abundant wildlife for future generations.

3. Reduce the slaughter on spike elk, let them grow, your bull:cow ratio are so out of whack. Do you realize other states have numbers like 16:100, to higher like 20-50:100 billion:cow ratio? You guys are not even in the ball park. 10:100 are you kidding me???

4.Reduce the cow hunts, gear most of those hunts towards youth and elderly hunters only, with only a few hunts towards general public with much higher points to draw the hunt.

If you did all things I suggested especially managing the predators we wouldn't have to revisit this topic for years and years till overwhelming population may become a issue.

Ending words: Manage wildlife for the people (residents) not predators.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1048]

Name David Berck

Current city of residence Gresham

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I request to leave archery elk alone and maybe bring back the late cow season, yes there's a lot of hunters but success level is low so elk populations keep growing, if hunters are unhappy with their success maybe they should work on their own hunting skills, not just pick up their bow a week before season and make sure it's still sighted in....one thing I would change would be a bow hunters qualifications card, too many incompetent bow hunting out there wounding animals. To have local archery shops do qualifications to prove you can at least hit a 10" target at 50 yards 9/10 is very reasonable. And maybe 30 yds for traditional bow guys.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. No changes needed to seasons. Bow qualifications card as listed above would be my only recommendation.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current Allowing both species during the same time I see as a positive, maybe also break the season into 3 groups and you put in for the one you want and you might not get it but you're always guaranteed to get a tag, people have to eat and taking a general season from them might cause more poaching.

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) Allow baiting for bears, and dogs for cougar hunts. Lowering those numbers will help allow more hunters for deer and elk, and also note we can't allow deer and elk populations to get too high right now cause once CWD makes it's way over, the lower the population the better off we are. Here's a big one, working with Washington and allowing hunting and fishing reciprocity for people who live on the boarder, allowing a 50mile circle around thier place of residence that they can hunt and fish. It sucks being on the boarder and I can only hunt and fish half the area around me.

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1047]

Name	Christina Hammond
Current city of residence	Klamath Falls
Email	huntingqt@aol.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No!!! The number of elk in our area are very few. Changing to a controlled hunt by unit would severely limit the number of chances at filling a tag. It could also force hunters from other areas into units that already have a low success rate. It would also decline the numbers of hunters who live in Eastern Oregon and can no longer hunt areas close to home. Many of us already can only hunt weekends, if we are forced to hunt outside of our home area we will most likely lose hunters. Many of us can drive 30 minutes any direction and be able to hunt.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No!!! Changing to a controlled hunt by unit would severely limit the number of chances at filling a tag. It could also force hunters from other areas into units that already have a low success rate. It would also decline the numbers of hunters who live in Eastern Oregon and can no longer hunt areas close to home. Many of us already can only hunt weekends, if we are forced to hunt outside of our home area we will most likely lose hunters. Many of us can drive 30 minutes any direction and be able to hunt. ODFW is supposed to focus on recruiting and retaining hunters not make it harder to be a hunter.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Leave it alone

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

If overcrowding is an issue in certain units then those should only be considered. Units 31, 32 and 75 are not those units and should not change.

Your goals of recruitment and retention will be greatly hindered by most of the proposed changes.

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1046]

Name	Greg Coulter
Current city of residence	Troutdale
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	This will do nothing to help the elk population. Limit the number of non resident otc tags. A point limit for all of eastern Oregon for elk would be better with the exception of youth and pioneer. Predator control needs to be at the forefront of your mind.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as above.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I really don't hunt west Cascade elk.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Can you be more specific? What changes to what hunts? This is a very general statement and cannot be commented on except to ask for specifics. I hope you are forthcoming with answers so the input is valid.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1045]

Name	Derek Nelson
Current city of residence	Springfield
Email	durwood0@yahoo.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Please don't do this. I love our state and it's regulations the way they are now.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I am ok with this one. Our deer population is way down. We need to do more predator management.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Keep it the way it is.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Tag numbers should be dealt with in certain units. Thanks for all you do at the ODFW.

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1044]

Name Samuel YOUNCE

Current Molalla
city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

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Name Nathan Younce

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Last year was my first successful year with elk hunting over east. I started elk hunting 5 years ago over east. It's by far my hunting buddies and myself favorite time of the year. We like to move from unit to unit spot to spot. If one unit has to many people in it or not enough elk we move. Every year the weather seems to be significantly different and we tend to find elk in different spots because of that. You can see how this will affect our style of hunting that is finally starting to pay off for us. Weather its hunting or fishing it seems like year after year we are fighting to keep our seasons open and our oppotunities up as best as we can. But lately it seem like the rules keep getting tighter and fishing/hunting keeps getting worse. I know that with everything going on in the world right now there are alot of people at there wits end. I for one have almost completely given up all fishing. It's just not worth it anymore fish runs suck/ doesn't seem like you guys are making it any better. Well I think if these rules for elk season make it through you are going to get alot of people who just give up and would rather spend there thousands of dollars elsewhere. My suggestion is to focus on predators, not hunters.

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Name	Cody Mackenzie
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Current city of residence	Harper
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

We dont need to make it a draw if anything limit the number of non resident tags or even resident tags to a first come first served basis. There are alot of rifle hunters who go buy a bow and archery hunt because they didnt draw a rifle tag. Also our predator control need to be worked on immensely to help build our big game population

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1041]

Name Anthony Frasier

Current city of residence Hood River

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I believe when looking at the factors in the decline of animal population archery hunting is not a large determining factor. I consider myself a good Archery hunter and have about a 10% Elk success rate. While when I happen to get lucky and draw a rifle tag (which is approximately every 5–6 years) I have about an 85% Elk success rate. I Hunt primarily in the Hood, White River, Heppner (and a little Grizzly and Silvies) units. If you make Eastern Oregon Archery Hunting a draw hunt it will force me to abandon hunting my home state all together except for every 5–6 years. I already talk about how there is so many additional hunting opportunities in Washington and Idaho for disabled veterans as myself and how I don't know why I continue to struggle with my home states restrictions so much and just spend more time hunting out of state. I'm not sure why ODFW's answer is penalize the Archery hunter rather than possibly change it's approach on hunting other predators or decreasing other fatality rates (crashes, ect). ODFW commented on how the current structure was established in 1979 and modified in 1983. I believe the Elk population has only increased since these dates and there is definitely a decline in hunters if you look at both archery and rifle hunters. So the argument of better equipment is valid, but not used by all archery hunters and there is a decline in overall hunters. I believe if you look at the statistics you will see the success rates of fewer Archery hunters, with the increase in animals, it is less than the overall numbers in 1979 or 1983. As far as the Elk migrating to private land, how is limiting Archery hunters going to fix this factor? I'm confused here as this will not assist with this current problem. I believe this is an issue especially around farm land where food and habitat is best suited for the animals. This has always been an issue and will continue to be an issue, but limiting Archery hunting or making it a draw only will not fix it, in fact it will decrease hunters even more and increase this current issue. ODFW will be issuing more "kill tags" and when has this ever been hunting, there is zero sport in it, it is just euthanizing a small portion of animals and giving it to selective individuals. These animals will continue to live on the same farm lands and create crop damage year after year generation after generation. I believe the cooperative hunting programs ODFW has set up in certain areas is definitely

the answer to that issue along with creating non lethal actions to scare or force animals off of private land and onto public land.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Similar to my Elk comment above I primarily Archery hunt for Blacktail deer in the Hood/White River Units near my home in Hood River. I have applied for rifle tags unsuccessfully for over 14 years now. I have a 100% success rate with harvesting blacktail deer with my bow. I have been Archery hunting for 20 years now and absolutely love it and have fed my family with this wonderful all natural meat. A change in my ability to harvest this meat will force me to the grocery store and to contributing to the carbon foot print left by the commercialized beef industry. If ODFW turns Archery hunting into a draw only in my home range I will no longer have the ability to even have an option to rifle hunt. As I begin to age and archery hunting being something I may not be able to do my entire life, this is a bit daunting. Again, I'm not sure why ODFW's answer is to penalize the Archery hunter rather than possibly change it's approach on hunting other predators. I remember reading about how ODFW proactively took out 100 lions from the Hepner Unit and there was a 37% increase in fawn survival rate. I believe if you do the simple math this is more advantageous than restricting Archery hunting for sure. Let's use some common sense here people!

3. West I have never hunted this region so do not feel I could comment logically here.

**Cascade elk
(general any-
legal weapon
season): Move
season to
November OR
keep current
dates but
allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
pursue both
species at
same time.**

4. Other I believe that a better explanation on the preference point system should be released. I really don't think that being able to draw a rifle tag a few times in a life time is very encouraging in keeping people hunting in Oregon. I feel as though ODFW is encouraging people to either hunt in the western portion of the state or abandon hunting in the state all together.

changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Nick Myatt

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Name	Kerry Johnson
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Email	angler@hotmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	yes
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	yes
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	yes

Nick Myatt

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Name	Christopher Clapp
Current city of residence	Bend
Email	Motorcrossclapp@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I think that is hard enough to archery hunt that we don't need a Controlled Hunt you already have to wait two years to get a rifle tag I think that it is a bad idea
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I think you should leave bowhunters alone and have the draw tags only four rifles I've been trying to get a rifle tag for 2 years and still haven't got one I think it's a bad idea
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Leave it

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1038]

Name Pete Mongan

Current Klamath Falls
city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Agree. Archery hunters need to follow the same rules as rifle hunters as far as controlled hunts and season length. Archers are at an unfair advantage. They can hunt every year in a units (or units) for a longer period whereas rifle hunters have to wait until they have enough points to draw for the same unit for a shorter period of time. This is only getting worse with point creep for some rifle units. Also, as technology advances, archers are becoming more successful for taking trophy animals and taking more animals overall that leave the rifle hunters with less opportunities to take a trophy animal or any animal; which discourages the hunters and they end up stopping hunting; which leads to less revenue for ODFW. This gives archers an unfair advantage. They need to be on the same playing field as rifle hunters. Also, as archery goes on, the archers push elk from public land onto private land, leaving rifle hunters with little or no chance to take an animal.

2. **Archery deer:** Agree. Same reasons as elk. Also, with decreasing deer populations, there should be limited tags offered to archery hunters. Same as rifle hunters. The deer need to be managed so they can increase their populations and reach management objectives.

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season in
eastern
Oregon.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November so they have can have a season all to themselves and gives the elk a chance to rest after the deer rifle and deer/elk archery season. Otherwise, the elk go into hiding which contributes to low success rates for hunters. Makes no sense to be able to pursue two species at the same time for deer and elk. It should be one or the other.

Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Since, elk populations are increasing, I am in agreement with offering more cow elk tags to help with damage control and the control of the overall elk populations. Since, deer populations are decreasing, I am in favor of decreasing tag numbers annually or offering hunts every other year to allow for the deer populations to increase. Also, I would like to see a coordinated effort between private property owners and ODFW where as private property is closed with limited entry during hunting season for a fee. This would allow for wildlife to live as wildlife instead of being constantly

stressed and go into hiding to survive. With limited access, this would allow for the wildlife populations to increase as there are less hunters and less poachers on the private properties. One local property owner comes to mind. Green Diamond. I believe if there would be limited access to their property , the hunting on their property would be amazing. They are already doing some property closures and there has been positive results. Logistically, I don't know how it could be accomplish. It could be a win-win situation But, if something is not done, I believe with all the damage that is done to their property, they could lock their property up so there is NO ACCESS to their property. As a result, a huge tract of land gets eliminated from hunting opportunities and concentrates hunters on public lands. A win-lose situation. One, that I believe may come soon.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1037]

Name	Ben Enyart
Current city of residence	Bend
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I think this is a terrible plan since archery had always been a way for me to at least get out and hunt considering how hard it is to get rifle tags in areas not flooded with hunters. I hunt rifle as well as archery and knowing I'll always get a chance to at least go out hunting each year is a major plus. We need less regulations not more.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This is the only chance I get to get away from crowds of hunters. It's a low success rate and gives deer a chance before the rifle hunters get out and start road hunting. I hunt rifle as well, but the low success rate of archers makes this a better plan. Please don't over regulate archery.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Move it to November! This is the best idea ever!

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1036]

Name	Charles Wood
Current city of residence	St. Helens
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No unsafe
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Controlled
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Elk only
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Only open certain units every other year

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1035]

Name Gerry Crowe

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1. In the prime elk units, ODFW already has controlled hunts in place. Adding more controlled hunts is not necessary or needed.

Archery

elk: I support the management of our wildlife based on sound biological data, not public sentiment or feelings.

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2. Several units in Eastern Oregon are already restricted to controlled hunts. Further controlled hunts are not needed for bowhunters. There are others issues affecting mule deer populations that are not being addressed. Restricting archery, which by your own statistics has little effect on the mule deer population, only reduces hunting opportunity for bowhunters.

Archery

deer: addressed. Restricting archery, which by your own statistics has little effect on the mule deer population,

change only reduces hunting opportunity for bowhunters.

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Oregon.

3. **West Cascade** The original intent for the West Cascade Elk Season being held in October was to improve escapement for the elk. A November hunt would increase harvest rates creating a negative impact on the herd. I do support

elk the idea of the October hunt but keeping that week open for deer season.
(general That being said, I do not support ballot box wildlife management.
any-legal
weapon
season):
Move
season to
November
OR keep
current
dates but
allow
deer
hunting
in
Cascades
to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters
can
pursue
both
species at
same
time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

The Commission should make their decisions based on biological data, not public sentiment or feelings. When I see the Commission putting out surveys, asking for public feelings or opinions, that tells me that our wildlife is not being managed using biological data. We have lost many hunting opportunities because of decisions made by public opinion. If ODFW wants to really impact our deer and elk herds in a positive way, they need to address the real problems. Get predators under control, including wolves. Your management objective of 10 bucks per 100 does is not working. And rifle hunting success is still much greater than bowhunting and has a greater impact on herds.

Nick Myatt

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Name	Brad Libolt
Current city of residence	Springfield
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I do not support this change. For people like me (and there are many), who are trying to save points for a decent unit while still having good opportunity every year, this change would eliminate either a good hunt in the future or my ability to hunt every year. The general archery hunt in Oregon is one of the best fair chase hunts because you can go almost anywhere in the state and have a chance at killing a bull. I think eliminating this option is a bad idea.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Same as above.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Keep the dates and let deer hunters keep hunting. It's hard enough as it is to find elk in this hunt with low populations and tons of hunters. But with the earlier season, you have a decent chance of locating them audibly, as some herds are still talking. I believe this increases your chances on an already very low success rate hunt.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1032]

Name	Stan Washington
Current city of residence	Reedsport
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I started archery hunting the mid 1970. At that time there were vary few hunters, but as technology improve the number sky rocketed. Therefore, I believe a controlled season would improve the quality of the hunt and insure better management of the elk.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I never archery hunted for deer, but with the number of our deer herd dropping every year and the addition improvement of the archery equipment I believe the best interest of the deer population is to go to the controlled season.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

I've hunted a few time in the Cascade season and November would be a better option.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1031]

Name	Mark Henley
Current city of residence	Eugene
Email	markus.henley@outlook.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Horrible idea, as a data scientist, I can tell you there is no evidence to guarantee or even suggest a positive outcome to this change.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Again, archery hunting is more difficult; however, I could see a greater benefit having the archery deer be controlled over elk.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Agree
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	N/A

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1030]

Name TYSON ARMSTRONG

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

In my case this proposed change will totally disrupt my archery elk hunting in eastern OR. I presently hunt ,and have for 30 years v our success ratio. having to choose one or the other after so many years would be unfair to people who share similar situations,as for 30 years to perfect! Regardless of what you print i do not believe there are too many serious archery hunters that agree with th and change it for the worst in my opinion. It is always the same with you people,we as a hunting and fishing public have a bit of s fishing publics best interest at heart,you do not seem to want us to be successful! IN addition, changing the rules for EASTERN OR opportunities that are already crowded.This has been this way since eastern oregon rifle hunting went to draw only,rifle hunters w opinion is completely wrong and unfair. I understand trying to manage the resource, but enough is enough. I would appreciate the are going to cut our chance of success, HOW ABOUT WE PAY LESS!!!!!!! seems fair from where i sit.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. MY OPINION IS THE SAME HERE .

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season this proposal seems like you have the hunters best interest in mind.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1029]

Name Tim Beck

Current Klamath Falls
city of
residence

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2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I'm saddened for parents of youth hunters who have just started to introduce new hunters to the sport of archery. I felt like I was able to hook my kids into archery, partly because of having the ability to hunt close to home. I may have lost the girls if we had to make longer trips and super early mornings on weekends only, due to work restricting us from running out locally after school. If these changes are applied, I feel like we will lose many archery hunters, whether new to the sport or continuing, due also in part to the frustration of having to draw. Hopefully licensing/tags will not continue to increase due to less purchases.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1028]

Name	Leonard Krug
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- 4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)** Change the West Cascade black-powder/muzzle loader season from November to September, to create a higher quality hunt. Reduce tag allotment if needed to sustain harvest goals.
- This would give hunters an increased opportunity to harvest larger bulls if they chose to do so.
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Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1027]

Name	Leonard Krug
Current city of residence	Brookings
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes, I support the proposal to change archery general to controlled hunt seasons.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes, I support the proposal to change general archery to controlled hunt seasons.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I support moving the West Cascade elk season To November.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1026]

Name	Matt Owens
Current city of residence	Redmond
Email	Owens4444@yahoo.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I'm an archery hunter in full support of this. Please make it happen! Overcrowding is the biggest gripe from me and most guys I see in the woods.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	100% support. Mule Deer need all the help ODFW can give them.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I feel this should become a controlled hunt if the season is moved to November. The success rates would most likely go up and it might receive more attention due to everything else going to a draw. The elk numbers where I hunt in the McKenzie unit have decreased a lot over the past decade. Seems this would do more harm than good to the elk

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1025]

Name	Lane Stutzman
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Success rates in archery elk are already extremely low. And adding controlled seasons will effectively kill archery hunting in the state. Not to mention out of state revenue. Focusing on predators in these areas would be more beneficial.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1024]

Name	Jesse Tillman
Current city of residence	Portland
Email	jptillman83@yahoo.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	It's already controlled enough.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Leave it, but start making antler point restrictions. Like 3 on one side and/or age restriction...for those really old forkys.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	<p>think more late archery hunts during November would be nice...state wide, whether in a general area or controlled. I think it would create more revenue. People want to hunt the rut.</p> <p>Also start allowing more aggressive predator control of cougars, bring dogs back. Make it a controlled hunt, another great revenue maker.</p> <p>Start implementing a graduated wolf control program, with few tags a year, raise it as the population grows. Learn from Idaho before it's too late, and the elk numbers have to go through a huge dip/rebound phase.</p>

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1023]

Name	Raymond Meskill
Current city of residence	Redmond
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Numbers appear low. pressure from cats, pressure from wolves, pressure from people all year long. money is not everything. If we care about the animals. shut it down for three years and take another look.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	ban for three years.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	close for three years.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	close Big game hunting for three years .ODFW can get enough money elsewhere for three years shut it down

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1022]

Name	Raymond Meskill
Current city of residence	Redmond
Email	raymondmeskill19@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Shut it down for Three years.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Shut it down for Three years.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Not popular , But shut it down for three years.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Shut it down for three years.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1021]

Name	Kaleb Ricker
Current city of residence	La grande
Email	Kricker70033@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I DO NOT SUPPORT changing general archery season to a controlled hunt. It is already hard enough to draw a controlled rifle hunt and it will be the same way with archery season if this happens. one of the things that was talked about in the video on Facebook was hunting pressure. I believe by changing the general archery season to a controlled season u will get more hunting pressure due to hunters not knowing if they will be able to hunt for bull elk the following year or two. I am an avid archery hunter and I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS! Thank u for your time.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I do not archery hunt deer very often. I do agree that deer numbers are down but making this season a controlled hunt will not help until we get a control on the Predator population and what I mean by that is: wolves Bears cougars and coyotes. I do not support this. Thank you for your time.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I do not feel right on weighing in on this topic because I do not hunt the West Cascades for Elk. thank you for your time.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	I am a landowner with about 550 Acres and I don't feel that you appreciate how much we do for the deer and Elk population. Every couple of years ODFW makes changes for landowners that makes it harder and harder for landowners to be able to draw a tag for there ranches or provide meat for their families. Landowners are the ones that

have bought or are paying on their lands, paying taxes and in some instances improving habitat for deer and Elk. Thank you for your time

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1020]

Name	Patrick Harris
Current city of residence	Springfield
Email	bugle2me@comcast.net
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I believe archery elk should remain a general over the counter tag. With the exception being a draw for non – residents. I would however support a choose your weapon type scenario or a possibly even a draw if it were broken down into a 3–4 unit zones with a quota.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I believe archery deer should be a draw for all eastern Oregon. But with more units offering a limited late season rut hunt.
3. West Cascade elk (general any–legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Move season to November, but not the same time as the coast elk season. Or just make it a complete west side tag from the pacific crest trail west.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1019]

Name	Chris Walden
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

By making this change I feel it will make it extremely hard for are youth and elderly to have opportunities to enjoy eastern Oregon hunting and what it can provide. By changing this to a draw will now cause point creep issues and cause a loss in hunting interest for most.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

By making this change I feel it will make it extremely hard for are youth and elderly to have opportunities to enjoy eastern Oregon hunting and what it can provide. By changing this to a draw will now cause point creep issues and cause a loss in hunting interest for most.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

By making this change I feel it will make it extremely hard for are youth and elderly to have opportunities to enjoy eastern Oregon hunting and what it can provide. By changing this to a draw will now cause point creep issues and cause a loss in hunting interest for most.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1018]

Name	Mark hartley
Current city of residence	Kelso WA
Email	Ryan.hartley@norpacpaper.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Been needing to do this for ten years. Im a nonresident and I quit bowhunting eastern Oregon over 10 years ago and went to hunting Idaho archery elk. I actually went to controlled rifle hunts in eastern Oregon and have had great hunts. I hunt units that take 2-3 points to draw. I would go back to archery if it went draw.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	All mule deer hunts should be controlled draw, especially after the 2016-17 winter kill that the herds are still trying to recover from.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	no opinion
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	no opinion

Nick Myatt

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Name MATTHEW MCKINLEY

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I think another option to strongly consider would be to split the archery season up. I think having the first season, possibly starting 3rd week in August to second week in september as a general opportunity. And a second season as the 3rd and 4th weeks in september be a draw, would accomplish the goals of lowering harvest numbers, and lowering hunter crowding without sacrificing hunter opportunity. One of the very unique and attractive things to archery hunting in Oregon is being able to hunt multiple units in the same year.

I also think that non resident numbers should be taken very seriously. Although I don't like the idea of more competition you can't get away from how valuable they are to our economy. Any net loss in non resident tags should be at the forefront of tag allocation decisions.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. I don't know enough about the harvest numbers to know if this makes sense. My input is going to focus on the 50% decline in mule deer numbers. Some serious research should be being done to come up with some. Solid answers as to what is causing this decline. I hear that it's a lack of habitat quite often but that's hard to swallow. Cattle on the landscape? Predators? Poaching? Native harvest?

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to Moving to september would probably create a conflict with second season archery deer. I think allowing for rifle hunters to hunt both deer and elk at the same would be a better solution.

November OR

keep current

dates but

allow deer

hunting in

Cascades to

continue

during elk

season so

hunters can

pursue both

species at

same time.

4. Other

changes being

considered

(incl. tag

numbers/hunt

tables for

specific

hunts)

I think possibly setting up a bounty on cougars for hunters in units that regularly have state funded hunters cull them would be a great program.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 10:24 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1016]

Name	Weldon Reedy
Current city of residence	Lakeview ore
Email	weldonreedy@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Its all about the money. Turning Oregon hunters into California hunters. ODFW needs to listen to its hunters
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	ts all about the money. Turning Oregon hunters into California hunters. ODFW needs to listen to its hunters
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	NO
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Leave it alone

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1015]

Name	Marci Raymond
Current city of residence	Medford
Email	marcicov@aol.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Combine

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1005]

Name	Dobbs James
Current city of residence	MILWAUKIE
Email	JDOBBS20@GMAIL.COM
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I think in general this is a good idea for public land hunts. However I hunt private land in multiple units in eastern Oregon. I think there should be an exception for private land only archery tags that allow more flexibility as long as you are hunting private.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same comments as elk above.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No comments.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	No comments.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1014]

Name	Justin Stevenson
Current city of residence	Pendleton
Email	jtstevenson13@msn.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	<p>Yes, I believe it is time to have all the eastern units be controlled. It doesn't seem to make sense to control part of the hunts vs all of them for proper management.</p> <p>Perhaps there could be two seasons to apply for. Obviously the latter part of the month during the rut will be the coveted time frame, so maybe that could be more like rifle first seasons and the first half be for spikes like second season rifle is (generally). But I think both rifle seasons should be controlled too since they all should be controlled to have the management objectives.</p>
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes, again, all should be controlled.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No opinion...
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	In eastern hunts with low mule deer numbers but a growing whitetail population, maybe it's time to require choosing which species to hunt, so the mule deer have a chance at recovery. Maybe 25% of the tags for mule deer and 75% for whitetail until mule deer numbers increase.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 9:09 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1008]

Name	David Lorence
Current city of residence	Umatilla
Email	daladlmel@yahoo.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	yes controlled for branch with a option for spike only just like rifle.. Deer tag for area with elk tag. Maybe change season to 3 weeks and drop last week. That when most branch bulls are killed.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	yes controlled with elk tag required also like you do in mount emily..
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	yes

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 8:56 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1006]

Name Michael Rodgers

Current city of residence Rancho cordova

Email joerodgers@live.com

1. **Archery elk change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** Having archery hunted in eastern oregon now for over thirty years now as an out of state hunter my observations and experience has been that as archery gained popularity and the availability of equipment made it easier for rifle hunters who didn't draw tags to get archery tags. it is pretty evident to tell by the way they hunt ! I think a simple soloution is you either put in for archery or rifle and not both that would eliminate the overcrowding. And reduce pressure.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

As was stated in your article the mule deer population has been in decline for some time. soon after hounds were outlawed. I think that the cougar population has a lot to do with this as odfw found out with the removal of such from the heppner, steens mtn., ukiah, warner, and wenaha units which benefited the elk and mule deer populations in those units affter removing 291 cougars. bears are another problem for fawn crops, since they outlawed hounds and baiting the bear population has increased tremendously. This became evident after a few years of those laws being passed. we used to see maybe one or two bears a season and never had problems with bears..now it is much different incidents with bears has become almost a yearly basis. many things seem to play a big part also such as logging practices and cattle grazing. I hope this helpful for descions...

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1011]

Name David Maiseth

Current John day
city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Question 1.

I do not support changing eastern Oregon general to a controlled season. This is a short sighted and poorly formulated plan. My reasons are as follows

1. Hunter pressure will not be reduced, with 15600 tags it's possible some hunt areas will have MORE pressure than in the past.
2. Hunter recruitment and Retailmenot is vital to continuing our hunter heritage and YOUR revenue source. If hunters are unable to draw and/or accrue points they will not continue to hunt and we will forever lose them and not only their license and tag dollars but their hunter positive vote.
3. Equity-If eastern Oregon is controlled hunters who lives on the east side of the state will have to decide whether or not they wish to hunt, accrue points (many who are already in "no mans land") or drive to the west side. All while west siders will still get to hunt their home territory(each year), accrue points and draw trophy units.
4. Point Creep will not resolve: See above.

A vote for controlled hunts in eastern Oregon for archery elk is a vote against hunting and the protection of the hunter heritage.

Question 2

I do not support controlled deer archery tags. Instead consider habitat improvement (Juniper/invasive grass mitigation, thinning projects etc.), increased predator management (spring bear quota system, central Oregon spring bear tags etc.) and winter range protections. These considerations should be fully vetted before archery seasons are reduced.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

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Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1010]

Name	Antonio Gutierrez
Current city of residence	Salem
Email	mrcolorcwv@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	You will be taking away from tons of families not only hunting but creating life long memories that will be lost. Also taking away from local businesses who supply all the hunters.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same thing it will be wrong. We has hunters should have the opportunity to choose which side of state we want to hunt.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	We need to go back and keep it how it was before.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 8:58 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1007]

Name	Chris Williams
Current city of residence	Cottage grove oregon
Email	chris19williams90@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	So now only select few will have oppurtunities to hunt eastern oregon.... I believe this is a bandaid for the problem of decline in animals u guys need to look at a permanant solution other than robbing the sportsman blind.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as elk comment
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I have always liked the split seasons gives the animals a break and some rest
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	All seasons should be bumped later in the year the adjust for season changes in oregon... It seams The seasons used to fall earlier in the year 20 years ago

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1009]

Name	Rand Rietmann
Current city of residence	Sisters, or
Email	rrietmann@aol.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I live within 25 miles of the Cascade divide. I like to be able to hunt both sides of the PCT. I can't drive to NE Oregon every time I want to archery elk hunt. Please reconsider this change. If you make this cahnge , i belive most hunters will want eastern, not western. This will overcrowd the eastern units.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I like to hunt different units for archery Elk. If you make it a total draw for archery deer in Eastern oregon, i would have to "switch gears" in my head everytime I would travel in or out of a unit. The change i'd like to see is a 3 points or better for archery deer.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No double-dipping in the same season time-frame for deer and elk. Period!
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Put a bounty on mountain lions. They are devastating out deer and elk populations. Make deer 3 point or better in ALL units of the State. NO eastern Oregon archery deer controlled hunts (except the current). You have not said anything about reducing tag numbers???? where is that at in the proposal?

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1013]

Name	Leonard Flint
Current city of residence	Union
Email	leonard7cheryl@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No, perhaps a 10 day season. Never go to controlled hunt. Controlled hunts would wipe out family hunts.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No. This would wipe put family hunting for eastern oregon hunters.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Hunting is an endangered recreation. I would like to see changes made to accommodate individuals over 70, that are residents and been supporting hunting all their lives.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 9:37 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1012]

Name Brandon Silence

Current Woodburn
city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I support the idea. I am concerned though that in order to have a hunting opportunity, I would have to use my preference points in a manner that would limit me from potentially one day getting an opportunity to hunt one of the "big three" units. If there are easily drawn units as a second choice that is the only way I see this getting the support it needs. I'll also take it a step further and I think you need to make people choose a weapon. Meaning your either archery or rifle hunting. Not archery hunting because you didn't draw a rifle tag. There are too many people in the woods during general archery season that don't belong there.

2. Deer populations in eastern Oregon have declined. I support this idea, however, the massive reduction of animals in the management units are not from over hunting. It's from the massive predation that is happening. ODFW needs to solve that issue first and not limit our already limited hunting opportunities in this state.

Archery
deer:
change
from
general
to
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1004]

Name	Kyle Cordano
Current city of residence	Oregon City
Email	kcordano@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	yes
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	yes
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	keep dates and allow deer hunting

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 8:28 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1003]

Name Larry Chitwood

Current city of residence Cloverdale

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This would be a great help in reducing crowded hunting areas and improving the quality of the hunt. There's going to be a massive effort to stop this but it needs to happen at some point.

Doing this will put a greater load on the coast general bull seasons which I would also like to either see made into drawing only or extended while having the bag limits changed to 3 point or better to keep success rates the same. I believe that having to take the time to see that a bull is 3 point or better will also reduce accidents caused by rushed shots because someone saw horns and started "flinging lead".

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I agree with this as well. If Oregon did away with all general seasons and made all units draw only it would spread out the applicants enough that most people can get a tag every year. Most people who hunt the general seasons are applying for hard to get units and hunting general seasons as a backup plan. Making archery draw only will reduce the number of years it takes to draw a "trophy" unit in Oregon, Some take over 20 years.

Doing this will put a greater load on the coast general buck seasons which I would also like to either see made into drawing only or extended while having the bag limits changed to 3 point or better to keep success rates the same. I believe that having to take the time to see that a buck is 3 point or better will also reduce accidents caused by rushed shots because someone saw horns and started "flinging lead".

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move These general seasons are so over crowded with hunters that some areas are flat out dangerous. You should consider moving them to November yes but also extend seasons length while making all general seasons bag limits 3 point or better. This will keep success rates the same but relax the pressure some people feel to get it done in a hurry. I also believe that having to take the time to see that a bull is 3

season to point or better will reduce accidents caused by rushed shots because someone saw horns and started
November OR "flinging lead".
keep current
dates but
allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
pursue both
species at
same time.

4. Other I'm not sure if I fully understand but if it would help someone estimate the odds of drawing a tag before
changes being they apply then do it.
considered
(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1002]

Name Mack Walker

Current Hillsboro
city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

To control the hunter numbers and the pressure on elk during archery season in eastern Oregon, Oregon should adopt a (choose your weapon) on all control tags per species. Once a hunter apply for a control hunt for whatever species, with a particular weapon, if unsuccessful, then that hunter would only be allowed to hunt with whatever weapon they choose for there control hunt and specie during general season, that would be there only option for that year, no switching weapons back and forth. If you choose to hunt with a rifle, then rifle hunting it is, or with a bow, then bow it is? This is the cause for over crowding and excess pressure during the general archery season, rifle hunters not getting there first choice draw tend to go general archery hunting. (Choose your weapon) would solve the problem hands down if this is what your truly looking for, you already have the data on control hunt drawings proving rifle hunters are switching back and forth! Is this the real issue, or are you really looking at drawing more revenue from the archery hunters???

2. The same as the above.

Archery
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eastern

Oregon.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1001]

Name	Bryce Denfeld
Current city of residence	Redmond
Email	brycedenfeld@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No, I don't feel the woods are too overwhelmed with hunters at this point.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Yes
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	No more spike tags during any bull hunts on the east side. Those any bull tag holders should be rewarded with a more quality hunt by limiting the number of hunters in the woods. Spike Tag numbers Should be reduced as well. More spike survival means better quality bulls for people who put in for those any bull tags.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#1000]

Name	David mayde
Current city of residence	bend
Email	maydoleda@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	outside of the economical reason for not changing the current open tags for archery. This will ultimately prevent people from even trying to hunt or getting licensesfor hunting in the Eastern units.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	outside of the economical reason for not changing the current open tags for archery. This will ultimately prevent people from even trying to hunt or getting licensesfor hunting in the Eastern units.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No issue
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	move elk season to the first of September, instead of running elk and deer at the same time.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#999]

Name	Boyd Lang
Current city of residence	St Helens orego
Email	bobbylang266@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	This will just push hunters in other directions. Guys will hunt somewhere. Evenutally you'll have everyone on the west side rifle seasons and sucess rates will go up and then our opportunity goes out the window.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	This is why I enjoy archery hunting. You can take vacation, which I do every year, to hunt both species. I am in favor of this completely. There should be any reason why with proper management we could have similar seasons a Montana.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 7:42 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#998]

Name	Josh Donaldson
Current city of residence	Springfield
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I DO NOT support this change. The problem we are facing is a predator problem, please look to the Steens for evidence of this. I have been hunting the Northside Unit for over 20 years. I have had increased firsthand contact with cougar and bear every year. This has included coming upon multiple cougar in a social group and coming upon cougar still on a fresh elk kill. We must come up with creative ways to lower predator populations, not limit hunting access. We continually talk about wanting more hunters and then make it increasingly difficult for hunters to participate.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

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Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#997]

Name	Shawn Barndt
Current city of residence	Hermiston
Email	slbarndt1@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Concerned that if one puts in for one of the Big 3 archery hunts as their first choice that they may not draw another unit (i.e. Pine Ck, Imnaha, Snake River) with their second choice. Many hunters have invested years in points. They also don't want to lose out on yearly hunting opportunities to just save for a premium hunt. Yearly hunting opportunities are critical in mentoring our youth.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Would there be an opportunity to hunt late season archery blacktail if one draws a regular season archery eastside unit and isn't successful?
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Not applicable to me.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	None

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#996]

Name	Donald Grafton
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Current city of residence	Springfield
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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Consider shifting muzzleloader hunts to before rifle rather than after
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Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#995]

Name Owen Forrester

Current city of residence Troutdale

Email Forrester000@yahoo.com

1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

It would be completely messed up. I feed my family off this meet every year!! Not just immediate family, I'm talking grandparents parents and kids. General season is a must because most controlled hunts are too hard to draw in Oregon or take way too many years. The problem with elk population in deer population number one is predators. It's not right for the fishing game to take away my rights because they do not want to put up with environmentalist and tree huggers. You are slowly taking away our rights as hunters and every year putting more and more rules. The amount of tags that are offered for deer and elk rifle are substantial. Mainly deer! I've never been one to get involved in anything like this because I figured the fishing game had it handled looking out for the smaller countys like prineville where my family lives and where I grew up. I plan to move back to Central Oregon soon to able to hunt where everything is not gated off and on by logging land. The main problem is the forest service and BLM selling off land to private owners. I'd rather not get pushed out of oregon moving to Idaho just to have my rights back. The way you guys are planning to go about taking away general season rights is not the way it should be done. Allow for predators to be taken anyway that can lower the numbers. stop letting hunters take anything less than those three point buck or elk. Elk hunting should be allowed the same general season units that it is now. I'm asking as a human and a small town person to please leave general seasons and make Archery elk season start on August 30th and end on sep 30th just like Idaho.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

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3. West Making the land easier to access without paying fees to logging land owners. Moving the season into
Cascade November makes it harder because of the snow levels make it even more difficult on top of the land already
elk being hard to access.

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Please move archery season elk and deer 2 August 30th through September 30th. Control the mountain lion and bear population better by offering more tags for spring bear in Central Oregon. Making these types of videos and concerns of what the fish and game is going to be doing more aware to the public. Posting something on the main site of Google and on the front page of the synopsis. Please take into consideration that a lot of people live off of the me year round. Offer more tags in units that take 10 to 20 years to draw. The elk population in these areas are exceedingly large. This would allow for more people do hot Eastern and Central without overcrowding populations

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#994]

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

make hunters choose their weapon bow or rifle before they can buy a tag or put in for controlled hunts so that they can't buy an archery tag if they don't draw a rifle tag and make all out of state draw only and cut back out of state tags to 10 % only so that Oregon residents have a better chance at draws after all it is our state and we should have first chance at all tags. We do not need a draw only on archery if you do this as most hunters prefer rifle over bow. you also risk making us die hard archery hunters poachers for failing to better control rifle hunters without a choose your weapon restriction

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

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Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#993]

Name	Joel Goodell
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Absolutely not!! Stop blaming the habitat and open your eyes to the predator problems!! If you idiots feel absolutely certain on making changes put some point restrictions into place like brow tine or better. Another idea is 100% draw choose weapon no more of this crap I didn't draw so I'm going to bow hunt that alone will reduce the amount of stupidity.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

See above comments!! Also point restrictions 3 point or better, get rid of doe tags and again stop Blaming odfw's poor management skills on the habitat. PREDATORS ARE THE PROBLEM!!!! Bring back hound hunting make that a draw system

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Leave it alone

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#992]

Name	Richard McCurter
Current city of residence	St helens
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Do not favor this option at all , I am more in favor of better predator control solutions.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Do not agree with this change at all , need much better mountain lion control procedures.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Like this change.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#991]

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city of
residence

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1. I agree 100 percent. I have hunted Elk in Oregon my entire life and most hunting pressure is from out of
Archery area hunters. Making it a draw would reduce pressure on eastern Oregon herds.

elk:
change
from
general to
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

2. Disagree, most hunters only travel for Elk.

Archery
deer:
change
from
general to
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

3. **West** Keep the same. It gives the elk a chance to relax before being pursued again.
Cascade

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same
time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Washington State has a very short Archery season. I do not suggest reducing the 30 day hunting season. I have found Washington's 12 day season to be extremely crowded and the elk are always on the move and pushed deep into private land. I would also suggest making people choose a weapon along with draw applications. IE: the hunter selects rifle/archery before they can apply for a hunt. Once you apply for a hunt, you are unable to change your weapon choice. In today's hunting world, people purchase controlled application for rifle, if not drawn, they will purchase a general archery tag because the hunt is 30 days. By making people choose before they draw, the numbers will be reduced.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#990]

Name	Richard Smith
Current city of residence	Portland
Email	ht1mech.rs@live.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	May help,if hunting pressure is reduced,oppurtunity will be reduced for average hunters, Will raise costs for all. Older hunters will have less opurtunity! Archery hunting became more popular,because rifle hunting was limited ! Habitat Problems . The Drawing System Must Be Updated,now is unfair ,18 points to get Deer Tag !!!!! How many for elk . Reduce Archery Hunter Numbers !!!
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	OK if Some Units are Closed on rotating Basis to give some select units a rest/recuperation period. Guiding and professional hunters reductions ,Apply waiting period to these \$\$\$\$ Hunters .
3. West Cascade elk (general any–legal weapson season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Yes move season,Close certain areas, Access huge problem ! Becoming a Money sport
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Reduce tag numbers in select units, Succesful hunters must have a mandatory waiting period to hunt same unit again .

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#989]

Name	Tallen Huffman
Current city of residence	Cove
Email	davidh@barretomfg.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Great idea this needs to happen u can't manage herds when people can hunt we're ever they want
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Great idea deer hunting in Oregon is not very good we need to get number back up
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No beef in this one
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Cutting rifle deer tags would sure help out

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#988]

Name	Cari Huffman
Current city of residence	Cove
Email	kinneyc@eou.edu
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Great idea way to many archery hunters,way over crowded and would help the current point creep problem
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Great idea our deer are hurting they need all the help you can do
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Don't care one way or the other
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Sure would be good for the deer to cut more rifle tags

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#987]

Name Robert Kendall

Current city of residence Hood River

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1. **Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** NO. If this about quality hunting then sure, there is a couple of units over crowded. I have a archery business. I listen to these complaints all the time . They keep going back. They don`t complain about lack of success or lack of elk numbers. If this is about Elk numbers It is NOT a hunter numbers problem .It is about predators. I voted for the ban on hound hunting due to poor hunter ethics. We desperately need them back. Many of us will not make that mistake again. Bring back the hounds.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

It is time we shut mule deer season completely down in units where deer numbers are so low. Deer numbers are not down because of high hunter success and you know it. Disease and predators are the problem. How about this? Lets have a rewards program. Give a preference point for every bear or lion harvested . 1/4 point for every coyote. Think how many bear and cat tags you would sell . You could put a limit on how many points you could earn in a year. Lastly , follow Idaho`s lead . Do something about the WOLVES.

There is a reason we killed them off. We have spent millions getting Deer and Elk numbers up .FOR WHAT!!!! So we can feed them to the wolves

3. **West Cascade elk** I do not live there and do not hunt there. I do not have the right .

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same
time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

I understand there were some complaints over a couple units where the bow hunter success exceeded the modern firearms. WELL, BOO FRICKING WHO. It takes us nearly 30 days to come even close to what they do in seven to fourteen days. We do not complain. Sure we are jealous. In all fairness the success rates should be close and I would expect modern weapon to be higher. Do not bitch when archers have a little more. How would you like thirty thousand of us to go back to rifle. Our skills and techniques have had to have gotten better with the weapon of our choice. I am not asking you to join us. Do not complain when you will not.

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#986]

Name	Joe Richardson
Current city of residence	21414 S Richard Ct
Email	cascadehunter@gmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I support a draw on all east side archery elk hunts.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I support a draw on all east side archery deer hunts.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Keep as is and allow both deer and elk to be harvested at the same time.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#985]

Name	Alfred Roy
Current city of residence	Redmond
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I want to keep eastern Oregon a general elk tag because it's been a tradition of our family and friends to come together each fall since the early 1980' s and if we lose that and have to change to western Oregon it will be hard. I feel the elk populations are not hurt by bow hunters as much as the predators. We sportsman support plenty of opportunity just to hunt where we always have and want more aggressive control of the predators. Thanks Alfred Roy

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#984]

Name	Neal Raymond
Current city of residence	Albany
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes to controlled hunts.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes to controlled hunts.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Allow deer hunting at same time.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Switch from preference point system to a bonus point system if eastern Oregon goes controlled.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#983]

Name JUSTIN BENNETT

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I believe that there are better alternatives that can be looked; instead of the current proposal. If you believe that this proposal will not increase pressure on the western Oregon general hunts your crazy. There are many hunters that utilize the general archery tag if they fail to draw a rifle tag. Rifle is the preferred method according to ODFW hunter surveys. I believe that a pick your weapon method would be a better alternative, while leaving the general archery season they way it is. One benefit of the current general archery tag now is, that it allows a hunter to be able to travel and experience the beauty of many different areas of the state. I will not ever advocate for decreased hunting opportunities. There are better avenues and alternatives that can and will increase hunter participation, opportunity, and management of eastern oregon elk hunting.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. I believe that there are better alternatives for managing mule deer populations than going to controlled archery season. Once again pick your weapon. Many hunters will buy a general archery tag if they fail to draw with a rifle. This would also help lessen the point creep on rifle tags. Maybe a system with a 3-point or better rifle and archery. This would be very beneficial across the whole state, letting animals grow to full maturity instead of killing spikes.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to I am in favor of running the west cascade elk season with general rifle deer, ONLY if the hunter has both tags. Having the split season now works. Don't try to fix it otherwise. The west cascade elk tag is a tough hunt, and moving it later into the season might just make it harder.

November OR

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species at

same time.

4. Other

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(incl. tag

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tables for

specific

hunts)

I really wish ODFW would try to work with disabled permit hunters more, and help them with landowner access. Especially with the elk damage tags. I think this is something that should really be looked into.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#982]

Name	Helm Tanner
Current city of residence	Bend
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Absolutely not. Change bag limits to branched antler or better. Encourage predator control.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Absolutely not, change bag limit to 3 point or better. Encourage predator control.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Keep the same
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Encourage predator control.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#981]

Name	Erik Flory
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

As being an archery hunter for the last 20 years, I believe this is the best solution for the well-being of our elk Herds. The last 3 years I've gotten myself into a position to do a lot more traveling for hunting and have seen the huge amounts of archery hunters in units that it takes rifle hunters years to get. I also this solution will lower the point creep for some of Oregon's trophy units.

As hunters we should have already been asking ODFW to do this as we all claim conservationists but it seem we are as long as it doesn't effect our hunts.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

In the White River unit and hood unit I've noticed it the last year a huge decline in deer and believe that it is due to the overwhelming amount of deer hunters that flock to these areas. If we don't start managing this it will just get worse. This is the beat way to manage the amount of animals killed so that we can start regrowing our populations.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Might as well, at least that should ease up some of the pressure on the animals with hunters doing everything at the same time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Don't think we took the right step with the law of banning cervid urine, as Oregon could of had manufacturers test samples for CWD. Which

would of made the price go up for the hunters but if they want to use it
they would pay it

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#980]

Name Jeffrey Holloway

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city of
residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Please do not make any more Eastern Oregon bow hunting units controlled. We have 4 generations of family and friends hunting and camping at the same place. To not have this opportunity every year would devastate our group. Some of the older hunters do not have time to miss out on any season. We now have generations of people who will not hunt the Weneha unit for elk as a example. I know there are many factors in lower animal numbers, but the predators are at high numbers which is a major factor, which you have proven by the fawn ratios improving in the unit you removed number of cougar. I feel if we focus on predator control the numbers will come back. Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard.

Thank you Nick Myatt for heading this project. Please no more Bow season controlled units!

2. Please NO more controlled units for bow hunting over east.

Archery
deer:
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controlled
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eastern
Oregon.

3. West Cascade I bow hunt, but this seems like a positive change for the west Cascade hunters.

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Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#979]

Name	Jose Valdovinos
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I think this would be a great idea I. I just think theres to many people out there that aren't really archery hunters. They only do it because they didnt draw the riffle elk tag they wanted. They purchase a general archery elk tag and hunt pretty much anywhere in the state. With than been said I think theres way to many people in ukiah, heppner, starkey and desolation unit during archery season. If it was to change to a draw tag it would be awesome!! People would either chose wisely where they want to hunt.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#978]

Name	Donald Rubus
Current city of residence	Astoria
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	We do not need to change archery elk season. Keep it just how it is make Washingtonians put in for draws make rifle hunters pick if you put in for a rifle elk tag and do not get it you should not be allowed to archery hunt that would cut down on the number of archery hunters for both deer and elk. So keep it a general tag for residence
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	keep it a general tag

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#977]

Name	Gabriel Kiersey
Current city of residence	Monmouth
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Would eliminate family tradition of starting elk season over east every year.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	the option to hunt multiple species at the same time would help the people that have limited vacation time

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#976]

Name	Jason Neville
Current city of residence	Culver
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	It seems that most of the general season archery hunts are overcrowded leading to a lower quality hunt.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#975]

Name	Ken Cochell
Current city of residence	La Pine
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

You could reduce the number of archery hunters by making hunters choose archery or rifle when they buy their tags. I know you wouldn't get the added revenue for controlled hunt applications, but it would reduce the number of archery hunters. That way you would get hunters who were better prepared to hunt with archery equipment and not someone who picks up a bow because they didn't draw a rifle tag. If you go to a controlled hunt you will probably get more non archery hunters applying because the odds will be better to draw archery controlled hunt.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#974]

Name	Ken Cochell
Current city of residence	La Pine
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I think you could accomplish the same thing by making hunters choose archery or rifle before they apply for hunts.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#973]

Name	Cody Watson
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

There are other ways to solve the deer and elk problems in Oregon. Incentivizing predator control might be one to consider. We have archery controlled hunt units already. Eastern Oregon general season is a great way for people to alleviate the gap between the already long wait of drawing most controlled hunt tags. As an Oregon resident I do not wish to see general archery changed to a controlled hunt. Maybe we need to limit the number of out of state archery hunters we allow in the state.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I do not wish to see general archery deer season changed to a controlled hunt. Deer populations have been hit the hardest by predator increases in Oregon. Other implementations should be made to boost deer populations. The harvest rates for archery deer are extremely low because deer reside on the low lying private land to remain away from the many predators we have in our woods.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

please do NOT make all of eastern oregon a control hunt for archery hunters! horrible idea! there has to be a better way. yes there needs to be a change to the rules that have been active since odfw archery rules were created, i agree there. but its not going to help to make it all control tags. there are thousands of hunters that utilize over the counter tags in oregon, especially eastern oregon. there will be a large decrease in hunters due to this process if you let it happen. why is nobody talking about predator management?? i have hunted oregon for the last 10 years, i have come across my fair share of bear and cougar, in both eastern and western oregon. the amount of bear i see during a spring and fall season is astounding. why not have 2 spring bear tags for oregon? or have unit fill tags such as having a set number of harvests per unit? or why not bring back permits for hound hunting cats during the winter months like idaho and montana have? why not bring back intensives for coyote hunters? these are problems that are rarely ever addressed in your department, and only among those hunters who get into the field and off the roads. THERE NEEDS TO BE BETTER PREDATOR MANAGEMENT!! among other things. if you make certain units a control, like ones with higher hunter densities, then good, do so, or ones with less elk population and higher pressure, then sure, but not every single unit in eastern oregon! you will find that there are less and less hunters willing to travel due to this, which will lead to less money being spent in the state, only hurting the already crippled economy. how can you guys not predict that once the eastern units are control only, that those who didnt get their tag will now go to western oregon?? there will be nowhere else to go for over the counter! obviously there will be more crowding in the western units. path of least resistance leads to where its easiest to get a tag. simple math here. i am losing all of my faith in those who regulate the state for hunting, ODFW is becoming more and more of a joke. the possibilities that oregon has for big game hunting are priceless, yet youre putting a price on it. make the state into what it could be, theres so much potential that you are not willing to negotiate with for what ever reason. also, for deer season, making it a any buck tag was a huge mistake as

well. if anything, it should be a 3 point plus tag. let the deer grow up, they are already hard enough to find as it is, now every uneducated spike is on the menu.

2. read above statement.

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Nick Myatt

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Name	Michael Park
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Please leave east side elk season as it is. Go to choose your weapon at time of application. That would alleviate a lot of the east side crowding issues, as it stands if someone doesn't draw their rifle tag on the east side they just go bow hunting.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Close all mule deer hunting until unit objectives are met !
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Allow deer hunting during cascade elk

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#970]

Name	Sharon Gaines
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Please do NOT make big game hunting in Eastern Oregon a controlled hunt. My family has archery hunted in Eastern Oregon for decades. Making it a controlled hunt will eliminate my senior citizen hunter opportunities to hunt.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#969]

Name	Travis Ray
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I think this idea has potential. However I think it should be set up how Southwest spring bear is. The draw would allow people to choose between any of the units that are currently general units. This will help to keep point creep from ruining the entire state of Oregon.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	The deer management has been really poor in the state of Oregon for a long time. Starting with blacktail, then the lack of managing predators, now mule deer. All deer tags need to be a minimum of 3 point for a few years to help build the herds back up. We have not had bad winters for a few years, so the lack of game is due to too many hunter killing the first thing they see, and lack of predator management.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Moving to November is a great idea! Cooler temperatures, potentially more snow. However most of the elk in the west cascades, at least the central west cascades, have began to migrate East due to pressure. There's more elk around hwy 97 than there has been. If the state decides to move to November I think implementing some road closures in certain areas wouldn't be a bad idea. Just moving dates is not an all encompassing solution.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	General season blacktail tag needs to be readdressed. Allowing spikes to get killed is a huge detriment to the overall numbers of blacktail. I understand the need for revenue, but not everyone needs to kill a deer. It's called hunting for a reason. There is a chance to always go home empty handed. Having a spike option will inevitably kill off a lot of deer. This tag should be made 3 point or better. This will help blacktail numbers improve drastically.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I would like to see a tag drawn, buy an archery voucher
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I would like to see a tag drawn, buy an archery voucher. But you guys really need to get a handle on deer numbers. Drop tag numbers? Castrate people who poach.... something
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Yes.... leave same time, allow both harvesting
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Allow dogs for cougar

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#967]

Name Andrew Peleshuck

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1. We already have enough of a problem with point creep in our draw system. Adding another draw to the system won't fix that problem, it will only push it further down the road.
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elk: In my opinion better options would be (1) to leave said units general but put a cap on available tags for those units. (2) make people choose and stick to what weapon for what animal they are hunting with prior to applying.
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3. **West** Your whole idea wanting to reduce Hunter numbers for eastern archery seems irrelevant when you want to combine rifle elk and deer seasons. I understand that it is not all of them but there are more rifle hunter
Cascade

elk than archery hunters. I listened to the video and one of the reasons was because "families wanted to hunt (general together". There are plenty of families that want to hunt together all across the state. It doesn't and can't any-legal work that way to change the rules.

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

I think we have bigger problems with hunting in Oregon than what's being discussed.

(1) Predators. I've heard too many biologists to believe the excuses from ODFW that they don't make an impact on the ungulate population. Bears I can understand due to the fact that they aren't just carnivores. They can and do find other food throughout the year. Cougars on the other hand, are killing machines. And they are ALL year long. It doesn't take a whole lot to see the rise in the cat population and not the same rise harvest.

(2) Something needs to be done with our draw system. We are too far into it with money and time to get rid of it without causing chaos. I think an option would be to give people in the middle of road the option to use a partial amount of

their points. People not having enough points to draw their desired tag but too many to burn them on an easier draw unit are stuck and upset with the faulted system. This being just an option that some would take and some wouldn't, would relieve some of the pressure on the top units and spread it out throughout the state. With people starting to use their points would lessen the point creep or at the very least stall it out so it doesn't get worse every year.

Nick Myatt

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Name	William Lee
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Please DO NOT take away general season opportunities for Eastern Oregon Archery Elk. The pressure this will cause in Western Oregon will be astounding. They may be complaining about pressure or over crowding in certain units but the hunters determine their experience. It's like fishing, all the boats stick together even though there's fish throughout the whole river. There are plenty of elk to go around and it's everyone's resource.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

No changes need to be made to any of our general archery seasons (deer or elk) besides perhaps moving the start and end date a week later. Removing general seasons in Eastern Oregon will cause enormous problems in Western Oregon. It makes no sense that if a Eastern Oregon Resident doesn't draw their controlled they can just come and over crowd Western Oregon in general season. We all know that doesn't work vice versa. The pressure is all ready spread out that best and can be and it's not fair to just let Eastern Oregonians feel more entitled to the resource than Western Oregonians.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

No matter what you do with the dates, you should make the seasons longer. Most hunters take a week off for their season, it's how the working world works we all know that. If the season is 2-3 weeks with the same number of tags the guys taking 5-7 days off are going to have to pick what period of time they want to hunt the season. Therefore less guys in the woods at one time. If the season is 5-7 days, every hunter is going to take the same week off and everyone will be out tripping around in the woods at the same time. Leads to chaos in my opinion.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

- We need to address our point system.
- Changing Western Oregon General Season to spike or better was a huge mistake.
- Our general seasons are the best thing Oregon's got going for it.
- Hunters education should be mandatory in this state.
- We need to consider allowing hound hunting for cougars again.
- Sportsmen and women in this state feel like their interest and voices concerning the outdoors and wildlife as a precious resource in this state are near the bottom in the order of importance.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This change would destroy my main reason that i switched from rifle to archery. I live in eastern oregon and i want be able to hunt every year. I apply for controlled hunts and if not successful, i buy a general season tag. I am only a archery hunter. This proposal would destoy me as an archery hunter! And i think this will discourage many of our youth hunters who all ready have a tough time getting a hunting opportunity and very few hunting days to develop a passion for hunting. I wonder if part of your porposal is just raising more money from more application fees! And by the way your website is horrible. "Wins" ? How about "successful" ?

It takes. Lawyer to navigate that mess! Looks like a high school nerd with no experience in hunting-fishing programmed that mess!! It appears your main objective is to demoralize all hunters and fisherman of Oregon.

2. Controlling the predators would help build deer numbers the most! No to changing ARCHERY deer from general to controlled!

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Oregon.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I do not support this! Taking away opportunity will hurt hunting in OR which in turn will hurt ODFW.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I do not support this! Taking away opportunity will hurt hunting in OR and in turn hurt ODFW.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No opinion on this one as I admit I'm unformed on West side issues.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Why don't you start with "choose your weapon" instead of a draw. Above all why don't you manage our wildlife properly for once...and by that I mean PREDATOR control. It is inconceivable to me that you would allow lions and wolves and to decimate our deer and elk populations.

Nick Myatt

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Name	Steven Moline
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Sounds like a good plan
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Again sounds like a good idea
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Move elk to November. This had always been a sore spot with me. I'm an avid deer hunter and love hunting in the Cascades for them. I've always hated having it shut down in the middle of the season.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Add bears and cougars to the salvage meat (hit by car/truck) law. It seems like a waste to not be able to salvage the meat off these 2 animals when we can do it with deer and elk

Nick Myatt

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Name	Chris Jones
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	<p>Disagree completely. I would limit the number of out of state hunters that are allowed to hunt general seasons without any point system established.</p> <p>This only takes away from the hunters living in Oregon.</p>
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	<p>Disagree completely. I would limit the number of out of state hunters that are allowed to hunt general seasons without any point system established.</p> <p>This only takes away from the hunters living in Oregon.</p>
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	<p>I do agree with this. If a tag is not filled during general season then it is nice to have a second chance, although the odds are slim to harvest an animal late season.</p>
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	<p>Establish a point system for out of state hunters for general season. Or have a every other year tag for out of state hunters so they cannot hunt consecutive years. Offset the revenue lost from limiting hunters by allowing hunting of wolves. Allow dogs for cougar hunting. Allow more bear tags. Apex predators have more of an effect on populations than hunters. Hunter all abide by the rules of conservation whereas apex predators have no regulation.</p>

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	NO, everyone I know does not support this! The issue is the Rifle control tags are causing more archery tags because archery is less restricted.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Archery deer is already a difficult type of hunting and doesn't see near the pressure. No change needed. Keep general season deer archer the same.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Keep current dates and allow deer hunting to continue during elk season.

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Name	Tim Jurchak
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Worst idea ever!!!! Going from being able to hunt elk every year to every 3(pretty much) w a draw. AND points I've been accumulating to draw My Emily or Wenaha now will need to be blown on a hunt I used to go on every year. A HUGE MISTAKE. And that goes for deer also. WHAT DOES NEED TO BE DONE IS TO STOP LISTENING TO THE WHINING LIBERALS IN THE WEST SIDE AND BRING BACK HOUND HUNTING. Bottom line.....predator population booms from lack of harvests is decimating the deer population. PERIOD!!!!

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

I HOPE YOUR TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LOSS OF LICENSE AND TAG FUNDS YOULL BE LOSING BY SEVERELY LIMITING OUT OF STATE HUNTERS!!!! Stop pandering to the cry babies and rely on sound biological data!!! YOUR RUINING HUNTING IN THIS STATE!

Nick Myatt

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residence

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

As a new archery hunter (will be going in to my third season) I find this change highly detrimental to creating/retaining new hunters. I realize hunting in general is a multi-faceted situation with more at stake than just recreation. However, DECREASING the number of opportunities for new hunters is a terrible idea. Fewer general season hunts eliminate new hunter chances at successful harvests. The barriers to new hunters (learning curve, opportunities, and preference points—which practically take a lifetime to accumulate) are tremendously discouraging. Less OTC tags will definitely steer me away from wanting to hunt at all, archery or rifle. These proposed changes (while it may preserve wildlife management) will continue to destroy my morale and my support of ODFW as I will no longer want to put my hard earned money into something I have little chance at. Are there any changes proposed that would ENCOURAGE new hunters? Hunting/recreation dollars will dwindle if not.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

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Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Require hunters to choose Weapon during draw process. Preference point system is a trainwreck with point creep out of control. This system largely responsible for increased archery pressure.

Under a limited entry archery program there needs to be an equitable share of allocated big game tags.

There needs to be a significant change in how Oregon distributes resource opportunity. EO sportsman consistently take a backseat to resource allocation to western Oregon. A perfect and unacceptable example is the ongoing 80%+ harvest allocation of salmon and steelhead to below Bonneville dam.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. See above

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to Should be all draw only as well if EO goes to all draw

November OR

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**4. Other
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hunts)**

Manage predators, stop excessive cow elk hunting in units below MO. Recover EO deer herds by curtailing over allocation of tags particularly in units hammered by recent winters. Manage for higher percentage of mature bucks (quality verse opportunity)

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I think this is a great idea! Please make archery a draw season.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I love this idea. This is the best proposed rule change I've ever seen! Please make archery deer a draw season with hunt units just like rifle deer.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I like the idea of overlapping seasons, but I've not hunted cascade elk, so it's hard for me to know too much on this one.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	I think the point system is becoming problematic. I have 11 and 12 points for some hunts and still don't draw. Perhaps move the 25% pool to 50%

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#956]

Name Bruce Lucjy

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

To me it makes more sense to have individual who apply for hunts to actually choose type of weapon. This will eliminate a large number of so called archery hunters. A large number of rifle hunters who are unsuccessful With there draw automatically go out and by the General season archery tag. To me this seems it has a way larger impact on those who choose to use archery equipment. This will also have a huge impact on those holding on to preference points Waiting for that 20 plus year hunt. Now they are forced to burn these points just to have an opportunity to hunt the east side. Any thought on what this will do to the crowds on the west side?? Very little hunting opportunity now unless you purchase over priced Entry permits from logging companies that are Out of state owned and therefore ODFW not receiving any of the revenue. Used to run these lands for free with my grandfather. It hurts as hunters to be the number one contributor to elk herds and land management and have these lands and animals taken from us unless we pay a multi million dollar logging company for access!!!👎

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. The decline of numbers in the nuke deer populations should not be blamed on the over harvesting of hunters. Ask anyone who spends a considerable amount of time scouting hiking hunting or spending time in the field in other ways and they will tell you that predation is through the roof now that you can no longer hunt with hounds. Easy fix. Make it legal and our mule deer numbers go back up. We have cougars that hunt in our neighborhoods here in the city of sandy with a population of 11326. This should be a sign on how impactful over population of predators does to our mule deer populations

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon I would prefer to see this moved out further. I have archery hunted in these units and I believe this date is to close to the elk rut. If you want to maintain a healthy herd we need to let our mature bulls do the breeding. These more mature bulls are still running with the herd at the time of this hunt and more susceptible of being killed. Not good for a strong herd!!

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4. Other The future of hunting in this state is in our youth. Oregon does a great job with these opportunities!
changes being Keep it up and expand there opportunities even more!!!
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(incl. tag
numbers/hunt
tables for
specific
hunts)

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I think this is a very smart and needed implementation. As a lifelong hunter who loves participating in Conservation through many form's (hunting, fishing, wildlife habitat management and restoration) with my career as a farmer and with my family through recreation I can see many positives from this proposal with a few negatives. Obviously without having effective management for cougars, non-existent management for wolves currently and for the foreseeable future and only marginal management for bears during the spring bear season; predation has been a large variable effecting wildlife management and Oregon's quality of hunting. Most importantly I know these proposed changes will help biological management objectives by being able to more accurately use both rifle and archery hunters in a unit specific approach. I anticipate there being negative comments from many in the hunting community. Hopefully helping them understand that this will help issues with overcrowding of units yet still give them a very good opportunity to still hold a tag in the area they normally hunt, along with improving the quality of hunting experience they will potentially enjoy. Efficacy and participation of archery hunting has increased dramatically over the past years and we as hunters are the most effective tools available in Conservation.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I think this is a very smart and needed implementation. As a lifelong hunter who loves participating in Conservation through many form's (hunting, fishing, wildlife habitat management and restoration) with my career as a farmer and with my family through recreation I can see many positives from this proposal with a few negatives. Obviously without having effective management for cougars, non-existent management for wolves currently and for the foreseeable future and only marginal management for bears during the spring bear season; predation has been a large variable effecting wildlife management and Oregon's quality of hunting. Most importantly I know these proposed changes will

help biological management objectives by being able to more accurately use both rifle and archery hunters in a unit specific approach. I anticipate there being negative comments from many in the hunting community. Hopefully helping them understand that this will help issues with overcrowding of units yet still give them a very good opportunity to still hold a tag in the area they normally hunt, along with improving the quality of hunting experience they will potentially enjoy. Efficacy and participation of archery hunting has increased dramatically over the past years and we as hunters are the most effective tools available in Conservation.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#954]

Name	Christoph Jones
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I agree.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I agree
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Move it to November
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	I disagree with the spike or better western Oregon deer season. Deer numbers are already in decline, paired with an over population of predators, less bucks making it to sexual maturity or breeding age, the deer population will continue to decline at a faster rate. Congratulations, you're mismanaging another species into the brink of endangerment

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#953]

Name	Carl Lewallen
Current city of residence	Veneta
Email	cjl680@hotmail.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	It's difficult enough as it is I spend time money and energy getting ready for archery season in spacific areas only to not draw a tag for that unit and not only would it put more pressure on western Oregon big game it would destroy small business who depends on hunting seasons to servive I could on and and list a 100 reasons why 1 one the main things I see it's all about the dollar more application fee money for ODFW
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as above comment on changing any regulations tough enough already for a deducted archery Hunter I have already on a personal basis now put in 17 years for a deer tag buy what ODFW is suggesting would destroy the system as it is already bad enough ,and not to mention there are already units in eastern Oregon I have hunted most my life in ochoco unit and regulations we're changed so I have to draw that tag after all the years of work and time spent there..
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	There is to much pressure already and throwing 2 season in together would create conflict between hunters .
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Cut out some for and cow tags do away with some LOP tags and damage control tags or require land owners requesting these tags open up there lands to public with a certain amount of tags dedicated to public and land owners..

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#952]

Name Leland Bauck

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Bottom line: hunting is becoming more and more for the rich and privileged. You treat elk as a business asset, not a living breathing animal. Elk Hunt quality and experience is dropping while elk populations are increasing. Everything you do has consequences for people with less means. Hunting is becoming an over glorified sport for the rich while local poor people struggle to get tags. This makes it worse. Locals deal with the elk here all year, then can't hunt them in the fall because we have no general season tags anymore. We are driven out by your policies and rich hunters. Wallowa County residents should be allowed access to general season archery tags for the hunt units in their own county.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Mule deer hunting should be stopped completely or go to 4 point or better until numbers recover. It's worse than you think. You estimate mule deer numbers based on winter fly over counts. I believe you are significantly overestimating mule deer numbers. I live in Wallowa County and mule deer are in dire straights.

Same comment as above – locals should have access to general season archery tags (After mule deer numbers recover). Your policies continue to enable hunting for the rich and privileged.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR No comment as I don't live in western Oregon and have no experience hunting west cascade elk during rifle season.

keep current
dates but
allow deer
hunting in
Cascades to
continue
during elk
season so
hunters can
pursue both
species at
same time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) Moving damage control elk tags in Wallowa County to general season was another move towards supporting rich and privileged hunters. You justified it under the guise of equal opportunity. However, now land owners will have to find tag holders they don't know and will charge them for the hunt opportunity. This switches the damage control elk tag harvests from lower income locals and friends of land owners to people in Portland who will pay land owners 800+ per tag.
Please consider lower income locals in remote communities when making your statewide decisions.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#951]

Name	Bill Rodriguez
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Either that or limit the number of general tags, first come first serve, when they are gone they are gone.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as elk, either controlled hunt or limit the number of general tags and put it on first come first serve basis.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I think a separation of elk and deer seasons would be good, I think it might reduce the number of people in the woods during each season. I would put limits on the number of general tags as well. It is frustrating when all you see is people and no animals.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Allow cougar hunting with dogs. Issue some wolf tags either by a controlled hunt or a raffle. I'd like to see more hunts for traditional archery. Make some units that are archery and muzzle loader only.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#950]

Name	Karl swanson
Current city of residence	TIGARD
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No No No. Do not take away my only hunting opportunity. This is a stupid proposal. If people complain about pressure then tell them to lace up their boots like adults and start hiking. Lazy people not getting even a mile from their truck should never be allowed to spoil the one thing we have to look forward to every year.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No No No. Do not take away my only hunting opportunity. This is a stupid proposal. If people complain about pressure then tell them to lace up their boots like adults and start hiking. Lazy people not getting even a mile from their truck should never be allowed to spoil the one thing we have to look forward to every year.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Keep current dates.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#949]

Name	Jason Brockway
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I have always hunted only archery for elk . I believe that the change in archery hunter participation directly reflects rifle draw outcomes. I do not understand why we would need to make archery a draw system , a simpler method would reduce hunter numbers. If a hunter chooses to apply for rifle tags and is not successful they should not be able to buy an archery tag .

Is there data to show how many hunters are putting in for rifle hunts and buying archery tag when they don't draw ?

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Would like to see archery deer go to 3 point or better , or On the draw system . Over the last 25 years of my hunting the mule deer numbers that I see has been spiraling down. I support any efforts to increase the populations of the mule deer , but don't believe that their population is decreasing due to hunters. Are any efforts being done to bring back hound hunting for cougars ?

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#948]

Name	Jason Kohl
Current city of residence	Jefferson
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Absolutely NOT leave the season the way it is bow hunting is already getting hard enough in this state due to lack of predator control
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Absolutely NOT again deer numbers are suffering from lack of predator control
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Keep current dates
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Get some predator management make hunts 3 point or better to allow deer number to come back up our state could be amazing but it's failing due to predators and lack of control along with many other issues

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#947]

Name	Bryan Strawn
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Current city of residence	Sweet home
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3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Yes I would start buying an elk tag if they over lap.
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Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#946]

Name	Ryan Helfrich
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	It is long overdue to make eastern Oregon archer controlled. In many of the units, archers harvest more bulls than the rifle hunters, yet they get unlimited otc tags. Bull And buck management objectives Are already a joke and it needs to be addressed with controlling archers.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Mule Deer populations are a joke—down 50%, buck numbers are down, yet archers can get a otc tag. Embarrassing and terrible management.
3. West Cascade elk (general any–legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I think we should keep current dates and let hunters hunt both species at the same time. No reason not to
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Oregon NEEDS to decrease antlerless harvest of all deer and elk species in Oregon. Populations are plummeting yet ODFW finds it necessary to make a otc cow hunt, continuing to harvest endless cows, keeping antlerless blacktail harvest and keeping some antlerless mule deer hunts. I believe there should be zero antlerless deer hunts for blacktail and mule deer and only let antlerless elk hunts in those units above Management objective

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#945]

Name	Andy Blaney
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3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

I think this would be a excellent improvement. Giving hunters more time for deer hunting and the possibility to harvest a elk at the same time. This would be a very smart move!

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#944]

Name	AMBER LEBARD
Current city of residence	Scio
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I oppose this idea. Oregon is managed as an opportunity state and being able to hunt every year is very important to me. I think the decision should be made per unit and not on a statewide level.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	The archery success rates are not having a significant impact on deer herds. You will probably lose hunter participation from such a change. I oppose this idea.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Keep the dates the same but allow hunting for both species.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Create some very limited premium type any weapon draw hunts during the rut in Western Oregon for deer and especially elk. This may help spread out where points are being applied and will have little to no impact on herd health.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#943]

Name Keith Coddington

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I DO NOT support a change from the current general archery to a controlled season in eastern Oregon. As an Oregon resident since 1968 I have experienced many various types of hunting seasons. With the years of growth in controlled seasons; I have observed a decline in opportunity for both new and experienced Sportsmen to have a chance to fairly pursue fish & game upon public lands. In my youth I had the opportunities to spend many general seasons with family and friends learning and developing a love of Oregon and our wildlife. As the years went by controlled seasons, tag limits, and preference points eliminated the chance to share with my three children the choices which I had in my youth. The eastern Oregon General Archery Season is the only remaining true Oregon Hunting experiencing to introduce and share together upon our public lands. While I equally enjoy the rifle hunting experience the controlled season format concentrates to many hunters into specific units and the required points to draw Eastern Oregon units eliminates the chance for a yearly family hunt. The controlled hunt format for rifle season and the necessary preference points caused me to stop applying for rifle hunts for over a decade. While I have enjoyed the Sports Pac for a number of years; I anticipate this will be my final year purchasing this option if Oregon adopts controlled hunts for Archery Elk and Deer in Eastern Oregon. Over the last five years, fishing opportunities have declined secondary to regulation changes and now our General Archery season opportunity is under attack. General Seasons provide options for working families to hunt multiple units and avoid high fire risk areas during the typical warmer archery season. This proposed action drives sportsmen from Oregon Public Lands and creates a further lottery season of dreams of being drawn in a controlled hunt. Simply a BAD CHOICE; please do not take away the opportunity provided by the current Eastern Oregon General Archery Season.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Having grown up in Oregon since 1968, I have experience many hunting experiences both rifle and archery. Across Southern Oregon, Cascade Range and Northeast Oregon Wilderness Areas I have enjoyed many rifle and archery seasons. As Oregon has progressively adopted further controlled hunts, it's became necessary to begin hunting annually out of state (Idaho, Colorado, Montana). It's not that those states provide something other than opportunity which due to preference points in Oregon has eliminated all chance to draw an annual tag. The General Archery Season for Eastern Oregon is the only remaining anchor season to remain an Oregon Sportsmen.

3. West Yes, I could support the general season move to November.

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Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#942]

Name	Shanna SCHNEIDER
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I am new to archery hunting and just hunting in general. We must not control archery with a draw system like rifle. Oregon is an opportunity state and we must continue that. The state needs to control the predators in some way or another and get them back into check before changing the archery systems.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Habitat is not the issue. Predators predators predators. And due to being a mom i have limited time to hunt and enjoy going hunting with my husband over east for a few then being able to hunt at my house in western Oregon the rest of the season after work when time allows. Please do not ruin this for new to hunting people and the future younger generation. Try to make things better by starting with predator control and see if that helps.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

This sounds OK since it does not reduce opportunity

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#941]

Name	Jed Shetler
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I am a archery hunter and this plan you have seems a unfair but it might help elk and deer populations but we hunt for food on the table not for bragging rights and so if you made it a draw we would get our tag very good and why are making the decision while us archery hunters are in the woods that is unfair for us to have any say

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

We hunt eastern Oregon archery deer and if we don't get any thing we come home an hunt late season archery and yes our mule deer hunting success has been getting worse but I am sure you could come up with a better way to do this than to make us draw a tag where it's only good for one area

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#940]

Name	Drew Howerton
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

A simple look at other western states that have taken up the controlled only hunting philosophy of management and done away with otc opportunity will show the fallacy behind this idea. Keep otc intact and find better solutions to bolster game populations and herd health. Namely PREDATOR MANAGEMENT. A better philosophy around this single management tool can really help our deer and elk recover. Another great tool is seasonal road closures. Close more roads during hunting season.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

A simple look at other western states that have taken up the controlled only hunting philosophy of management and done away with otc opportunity will show the fallacy behind this idea. Keep otc intact and find better solutions to bolster game populations and herd health. Namely PREDATOR MANAGEMENT. A better philosophy around this single management tool can really help our deer and elk recover. Another great tool is seasonal road closures. Close more roads during hunting season.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

Tag numbers need to reflect herd conditions, however if a reduction is necessary it should be done with an incorporated plan to improve herd health and numbers with sound management ideas and a goal of getting tag numbers back up. Enough pandering to environmentalist groups, its time to represent your true constituency and the real conservationists; HUNTERS

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#939]

Name	Jesse Shetler
Current city of residence	Scott's Mills
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This proposal seems awful extreme. Why not start by making hunters commit to rifle or archery seasons when applying for tags. If most hunters really prefer to hunt the rifle season than have them chose that season leaving significantly less crowding for archery hunters. The ability to hunt multiple units is one of archery seasons majors perks and give us the ability to self disperse when hunting pressure is high in areas.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I hunt multiple units in eastern Oregon each archery season as well as around my home in Western Oregon. Taking away this opportunity would be a big blow to many of the archery hunts I know. The quality of our hunting is already low, we really don't want to lose our ability to hunt different units , or at least the unit of our choice.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Sounds like a good idea. Hunters will like the ability to hunt deer and elk at the same time. It seems odd to make that opportunity to rifle hunters though while at the same proposing to make this option harder for archery hunters.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

A large percent of archery hunters in my unit are from out of state. I know they are contributing major funding to ODFW but I believe they should be the first to go to a draw or have limited archery opportunities. Should the out of state, fists time hunter have the same opportunities as the 40 year Oregon resident? There are several intermediate steps that could be taken to help control hunting pressure

and harvests less drastic than those being proposed that would help achieve management objectives.

Nick Myatt

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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#938]

Name	KELLY MORONEY
Current city of residence	WALDPORT
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I do not support this proposed change as it would limit hunter opportunity for elk hunting. It is very difficult to draw a rifle tag in eastern OR. General archery tag is the only way to guarantee annual opportunities in eastern Oregon. If anything, consider adding a few additional controlled archery tags, but not all. Consider changing western archery elk from bull only to either sex.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Data supports reduced tags for a declining mule deer population. Rather than using controlled hunt process/format, limit the # of general archery tags available.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	agreed
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Consider changing western archery elk from bull only to either sex.

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#937]

Name	Diane Bauldree
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I disagree with this decision. This would completely mess up the point system. Would always have to use second choice if you don't want to burn your points for a low point hunt.
As a older hunter it would limit my number of hunts left for my lifetime. Predators are the biggest problem we face now.
With a 4 week season it is not always too many hunters out there.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

See above

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Change to hunt both species at same time

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#936]

Name	ED SINK
Current city of residence	Bend
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I highly support this change. As a rifle hunter in uncontrolled archery units I observe extreme pressure from bow hunters when scouting. This contributes to virtually all elk being on private land.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Highly support.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I support moving the season to coincide with the 1st draw bull season, not early November. Currently it is too close to the end of deer season. I also support hunters being able to pursue both deer and elk at the same time.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	ODFW must support legislation to allow dog hunting for cougars and bears. I simply cannot believe any other explanation for the steady decline in mule deer since it was outlawed. If ODFW has the power to open this up without legislation must do so.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#935]

Name	Eric Risdal
Current city of residence	Creswell
Email	hilclimber@yahoo.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I do not support it. Elk population numbers are high enough that the current system is working. Westside populations are much less stable, and that's where a draw should be implemented....coast and cascades!
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Given population structure and herd dynamics, absolutely a good idea!
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Move later to November!

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#934]

Name	james wagner
Current city of residence	KEIZER
Email	jimmydon69@yahoo.com
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	i agree. modern bows are a far cry from primitive weapons. these changes are long over due
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	same as above
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	both have been tried in the past. more diverse habitat management of federal land would make more sense to me. management of game needs to be done by our bios and based on science not politics. btw, oregon has some world class bios. lets untie their hands before there is nothing left.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	i am 66 and dont belive that i will see even decent deer numbers in my life. reduction in harvest has to happen but pleaselisten to the wildlife bios or it will all be for not. ps.stop feeding our deer to the cats

Nick Myatt

From: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 8:03 AM
To: Nick.A.Myatt@state.or.us
Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#933]

Name	David Parsons
Current city of residence	Bend
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No do not do this we just need Preditors controlled. The mule deer are hammered by cougers. The Elk will be hammered by wolves. Just look at Idaho I hinted there the Elk herds are in bad shape in most units. We need to get hound hunting back.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Please No
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Fine
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Increase all Predator hunting and use dogs again.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes I agree with the change, better late than never
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Yes it's about time.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Sounds pretty good, I'll probably think of hunting the Cascade now.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

As a former Oregon Archery elk hunter I would welcome the change. I went back to controlled rifle elk hunting in eastern Oregon because of the ridiculous over crowding during bow season. The crowds are as bad as rifle hunting used to be before limiting numbers. If bow season becomes controlled it is imperative that bow hunter numbers are substantially "Reduced". It will do no good if it is controlled with "over tagging". I wish you would limit bow elk hunters to No More that 100 bull tags per unit. Perhaps if the "ridiculously " over crowded archery hunter numbers were "substantially reduced" a hunter could enjoy the hunting again. I would gladly pay triple digits for an elk tag that was enjoyable!!! \$400.00 is ok with me.

2. **Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** As I listed above,,the deer archery hunting for Mule Deer should be controlled and severely reduced. It is common sense to see that the Mule Deer herds here are in horrible shape. Only in fresh burn areas do you see the deer herds even start to rebound, and these of course draw all the hunter pressure.

3. **West Cascade elk** I would Never hunt this season for the simple fact that it is a "Dump Hunt" for everyone who didn't draw a tag. The habitat is bad because of lack of vegetative succession (no logging) and the elk have declined. This hunt "really " needs to be controlled and hunter numbers cut in half at least.

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

For 50 plus years I have been hunting the Beulah unit, and it makes a person sick to see the Mule Deer numbers now. Several years ago I had a phone conversation with your biologist from Ontario. I was extremely upset with the tag numbers in Beulah jumping from approximately 795 to around 2250. It was horrible, you couldn't find a place to camp and it was a embarrassing slaughter. In two seasons the deer herd began to crash. The biologist informed me that Beulah had been designated as a "Maximum Participation " unit, and hunter numbers would increase for opportunity. I told him the herd was suffering and "what happens when a bad winter hits". Well we shot the numbers down and winter took the rest out. It may never bounce back in my hunting lifetime. Like I said in the elk archery survey, I would welcome paying triple digits for a Beulah deer tag,,,But only 100 tags should be sold!! This center fire season could take

place the week before traditional deer season. You could still sell controlled deer tags for the unit,,But traditional side lock muzzleloader hunting only for the balance of tags you need to sell. In this way deer escapement is higher and participation is still offered.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Archery should remain as general. Predator control should be addressed as first and foremost problem or choose weapon option
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Archery deer should remain general but once again predators are huge impact. I do believe we need a point restriction like 3 point or better
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Leave it as is
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Seasons should always start on the same date weather it be Saturday or a Thursday

Nick Myatt

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Name	Jeremiah Stamey
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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) 224C if you really cared about youth getting into hunting this hunt should be kept at the minimum number for first time youth. It has been the best hunt for kids in the area.

224X and 224Y you keep dropping tag numbers every year, blaming it on lack of older bull age. However this was not a problem until 224M was changed allowing them to kill one bull and not 3 point or better. Better predator management would help all animal numbers rise. Maybe that should be addressed instead of ignoring it like odfw likes to do.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#928]

Name	Lucas Taroli
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I think this is a bad idea. The success rate on archery elk is so low that having controlled hunts only will lower that success rate. An alternative would be for hunters to declare a unit they will hunt in that requires no points or draw.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Same as #1
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Raise the regulation for mule deer harvest. Require units to only take mature animals, stop shooting/killing spikes and forks.

Nick Myatt

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Name	janell snyder
Current city of residence	scappoose
Email	divajanell@comcast.net
1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	no, not time for that yet
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	no, archery hunters don't harvest many deer anyway, because there is no deer
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	no dog in this fight
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	lower deer tags or close deer tags in eastern Oregon. in the Ukiah unit we use to see 50 deer a day, now your lucky to see any. just amazing this all started when dogs were outlawed to hunt cougar, hmmm must be something to that you think!!!

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#926]

Name C Howell

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1. **Archery elk change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** Trash idea , the miss management in Oregon is unreal . So what slam the west in it's limited public access. Why doesn't odfw just go kill 80% of elk and deer joule the price of tags up then you'll get what you want a fucked heard that makes huge profits . Maybe if the hearts in Oregon haven't continually gotten worse I'd consider anything from odfw a valid suggestion. Quit trying to increase profits get rid of dumb laws , actually manage animals and improve habitats and increase populations and more people will wanna come from out of state .

2. **Archery deer change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.** Trash idea , the miss management in Oregon is unreal . So what slam the west in it's limited public access. Why doesn't odfw just go kill 80% of elk and deer joule the price of tags up then you'll get what you want a fucked heard that makes huge profits . Maybe if the hearts in Oregon haven't continually gotten worse I'd consider anything from odfw a valid suggestion. Quit trying to increase profits get rid of dumb laws , actually manage animals and improve habitats and increase populations and more people will wanna come from out of state .

3. **West Cascade** Yes stopping deer hunting was stupid to begin with so just remove that break in deer season

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Nick Myatt

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Name	John Lousignont
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Needs to change to controlled hunt season
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Change to controlled hunt
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	No to both deer and elk at the same time.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Odfw has devastated our deer and elk herds by issuing doe tags and not controlling wolf, cougar, etc. Money is more important to them then maintaining a balance on deer and elk numbers.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This would be very sad for me. I have three young kids that I am excited to teach how to archery hunt. Archery Elk hunting is the highlight of my year And I could not imagine not having an opportunity. I try to hunt one week with my family in Starkey and one week in the imnaha so the current format of a general tag is awesome. I have never had a problem finding elk on public property. I do not believe there is a problem with hunters pushing "all the elk" onto private during season. The elk populations seam to be doing very well.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Makes sense. The dear population is struggling. I think this is due to predictor population. But at this point I think we need to do everything we can.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

This would be an amazing opportunity.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This is how I would structure the hunting seasons. For trophy units I would have it to where you can only draw the tag on point system one time. After that you could put in for limited tags on a lottery system only and retain points if not selected to be used for other trophy units until drawn. This would be for trophy units only. Also I would have if you put in for a rifle hunt and don't draw you must hunt the general rifle season. No archery. Same for archery. If you put in for a controlled hunt archery you can only hunt general archery. The reason archery seasons are being over crowded is because people who don't draw rifle tags many archery hunt . This would reduce over crowding during seasons. It's simple it's fair and it reduces point creep for trophy units offering opportunities for hunters to finally draw that once in a lifetime tag. While second chance tags go to lottery. Point creep has increase waits to some 20 points or more. It gives more opportunities for individual hunters or first time groups to draw tags and not have to compete with hunters that have already drawn this reducing point creep

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more opportunities for individual hunters or first time groups to draw tags and not have to compete with hunters that have already drawn this reducing point creep

3. West No opinion on this one.

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Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I disagree, knowing the lack of hunting opportunity here in Oregon, since I can't draw tags in areas that have good hunting for rifle I'm constantly using the general season archery because hunting general season rifle just has too many people. I really think we should abolish the points system and make everything just luck of the draw. (Side rant to try and make a point) Only giving me 25% chance to draw a tag for pronghorn so to speak because I don't have 12 years of putting in for tags, and I'm hoping of the 25% of tags for my first choice is split between me and the other 3,000 people putting in for only 75 tags my odds are way low, making each year the point requirement to get said unit harder and harder each year. Same with elk tags for rifle, so the reason why you have people hunting those units archery is because otherwise we wouldn't be able to hunt decent except once a decade.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. Same as above, trying to draw a good tag for rifle is 7-10 year wait, the only thing I can do to actually hunt and get into the woods is archery. And again with elk it take 7 years for an archery hunter to kill and elk on average in Oregon. I can't find average deer for archery but if you take that away I'm limited in any opportunity to hunt.

3. West Cascade Yes, move to some later season where we can hunt the rut like... almost every other state where people can hunt the rut!

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

I know what I will say is going to be quite a read, I also know I am going to give several websites for all my references. But as an Oregonian who has lived here for 32 years now and thankfully spent time every year outside either hunting, camping, fishing or exploring my thoughts are as follows. The one main reason for lack of deer population is literally just the amount of habit loss in the last 30 years. In 1990 Oregon's population was 2.85 million. Currently our population is 4.218 million. Averaging the amount of land used for population growth, roads, and the influx of visitors would have to be someone else's job smarter than myself. But I know growing our population of almost double in 30 years will have an impact on deer and elk management. Second is in 1994 we stoped the baiting of bear and cougar

(even using dogs to hunt) thus increasing the number of predators in Oregon. Below are only two of many sources that I have read that show just the cougar kill ratio of ungulates each week. One of the studies is even from Oregon!

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/research/docs/Cougar_Kill_Rates_Clark_et_al_2014.pdf

Using your own study of cougar kills, 1.03 up to 1.55 ungulate a week. Your own notes, “deer were the most abundant prey available through... our study area” based upon ODFW’s website noting at least 6,000 cougars in Oregon (without adjusting for more kills in summer vs winter, prey size when black bears are out vs when they aren’t, and taking the lowest estimate not the highest) 6,000 cougars in Oregon kill over 12,000 ungulates a year. (My own bias, I think there are significantly more cougars in Oregon than your website is saying) Assuming my math is correct of the study where only 25 cougars were monitored And they killed 1.03 ungulates a week. Assuming that number transfers over to all of Oregon ($6,000/25 = 240$ kills a week, 240×52 weeks a year for our average is 12,480 ungulates killed a year). Knowing that they specifically target fawns as noted in the next article below and compounding on the fact that each year cougars increase in population and deer decrease due to many factors (people, predators, winter kill rates, disease, etc) part of the problem that we could manage is the predator population to help the rate of ungulates survive.

<https://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/Popular/mtnlions.html>

In this study, yes an older study, cougars killed 49% of all newborn fawns. Greatly reducing the overall heard population if you keep the growth of predators unmanaged (like we have in Oregon since we can’t bait black bear or cougars or even use dogs to hunt them from 1994 and cougar population has tripled since then).

All of this above isn’t even hitting on the point systems that I think are garbage, lack of programs to get people on private land like several other states (eg Wyoming has a great one), LOP tags that should be able to given to friends if the land owner wants... not just FAMILY for pronghorn doe, lack of anything electronic on my bow, range finder or

anything else, lack of using battery operated duck decoys for motion only pull string, or anything else where Oregon laws for hunting are seemingly decades behind other states because your allowing voting for hunting for all of the state to be swayed by the population of the valley who doesn't hunt. Eg the 1994 ban on baiting and hunting with hounds. I really feel like Oregon hasn't kept up its fight for wildlife and it's active management through hunting and for hunters, but rather for peoples opinions who don't even hunt.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No change for resident hunters. A cap and controlled season for all out of state hunters.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No change for resident hunters. A cap and controlled season for all out of state hunters.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Agree with allowing deer hunting to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at the same time. Also allow hunting of bear and cougar without having to have a deer or elk tag for that unit.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Allow bear and cougar hunting without having to have a deer or elk tag to that unit. No out of state across the counter tags.

Nick Myatt

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Not in favor of. Most areas on west side are private timber companies who either don't allow access during fire season, or charge for access. If I don't draw my east unit I would be limited to where I could go. It would make the only open public west side lands more crowded than what people are complaining about on the east side.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I am in agreement that mule deer numbers are very low, but am not sure making the archery deer season a controlled season will help at all. I have not killed a mule deer in over ten years, so it would not matter if the hunt was general or draw.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

In favor of

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#919]

Name Bob Jozwiak

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I do not agree with this plan. Although you stated some 4000 hunters were surveyed about these possible changes one would think I would know one of those people. My experience with ODFW on purposed changes is actually a done deal. It's a bad plan! All you're going to do is shove everyone to the west side. There is less and less public land on the west side. Private timber has restricted access or in some cases denied access. Public land has zero timber harvest leaving less feeding areas shoving elk onto private lands. I've hunted over 50 years in Oregon and seen a lot of changes but this one I totally disagree.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon. I see no reason for changes in this area. The hunter success rate is low for archery. I agree there are fewer deer than elk in some areas. The decline in deer numbers seems to coincide with the increase in the cougar and wolf populations. I totally disagree with any changes to what we now have. Manage the real problems and leave the people alone who buy the tags and put money back into the state.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current I don't have much knowledge of the cascade hunting but I'm not a big fan of rifle hunters mixing it up with archery hunters in the same area. Increases the potential for an accident. Maybe the cascades should be just like the rest of Oregon with archery early and rifle later. I spend some time in parts of the cascades fishing and like most areas of western Oregon we see way more elk than deer.

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4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts) I personally think you continue the direction you have been going. Focus more effort on the predators in areas with declining deer and elk populations. Put more observers out in the off season to discourage poaching. With the huge decrease in state revenue this year there will be a decrease in OSP game troopers. Having extra eyes out there in non confrontational positions might just stop some of the poaching on public land.

Nick Myatt

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Name Daniel Embertson

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I am against changing archery elk in northeast Oregon to control hunt. Reason number one it will push everybody in to the last few general hunts making them even more overcrowded and pressuring the elk in those units even more. And the controlled hunts might have a higher success rate because there is less hunters spooking the elk so you might not save as many elk as you want to. The 2nd reason is that I hunt 3 different units all within a few miles. Meaning I might hunt the right side of the road in the morning and the left side in the evening. That's 2 different units but the same elk just cross back and forth. If you do decide to make Eastern Oregon a draw you should combine units into hunts like blue mountains or northeast Oregon combined with like 5 units together for more flexibility. The 3rd reason is that a lot of hunters have 10 plus preference points and most of these new draw hunts that would be made may only take 1 or 2 preference points. For instance I have 13 preference points I like to hunt Sumpter unit let's say Sumpter takes one point to draw It would be a humongous waste to dump 13 points on Sumpter But if I continue to put in for mount Emily or whenaha then that means I won't be able to hunt Sumpter for probably 10 more years until I dump my points. And there are no tags that take 10 points so I'm kinda in no mans land for points along with alot of other people. One last thing is that I fear people will not buy tags And start poaching you can only push people so far take that into consideration. and also don't listen to the jealous rifle hunters they don't know how hard it is to bow hunt.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I am against making eastern archery deer control hunts. If you do decide to make archery Eastern Oregon deer controlled hunts I say don't go unit by unit make hunt areas Like South central and northeast Oregon so archers can have a little flexibility for multiple units. And I also don't see how limiting buck hunting tags will help the population increase. Also people with alot of preference points Will have to make a decision to dump points or not hunt their area until they do draw a good tag and start over on there points. Just like what I said with elk. Lastly I just for see you

aggravating people and making more people poach and not by licenses and tags just take that into consideration if you do make changes make them easy try not to make many changes that people won't like meaning archers not rifle hunters don't listen to them they don't know how hard archery is. Archery hunting is hard we don't need the help of ODFW to make it harder thanks for listening.

3. West I don't have any experience with this hunt I have no opinion

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same time.**

4. Other Hunters in recent years have to put up with a lot meaning regulation changes short seasons tags that changes being are hard to draw. public land being locked up by timber companies and list goes on so just take this considered into consideration if you push people too far they might quit or start poaching. It's coming in from all (incl. tag directions There is really not much support to hunters from anyone. Helping us might be a good numbers/hunt change from O DFW instead of hurting us. Thanks for listening Daniel Embertson. tables for specific hunts)

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#917]

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

This is the most ridiculous idea I have heard in a while, you are punishing those of us that are true archery hunters. The issue is that the rifle hunters that don't draw the tag they want pick up a bow that hasn't been shot in a couple years and hunt the unit they wanted to rifle hunt. Oregon needs to go to a declared weapon format, the tag you put in to draw whether its rifle or bow is the weapon you hunt with that year.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

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3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Leave as is.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#916]

Name	richard baltz
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Draw archery for eastern Oregon Elk should have been implemented years ago.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Draw archery for eastern Oregon Deer should have been implemented years ago.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	November is too late on years with early heavy snow. Everyone would be concentrated at lower elevations. Over harvest could be a problem. Keep the deer season separated to minimize over harvest.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Non Resident tag allotment should be set at 10% in any draw tag opportunity. Non resident deer and elk tag price should be reduced. The quality of the Oregon hunt experience can not justify the current tag price for Deer or Elk. Funds allotted to access and habitat should be biased more towards habitat. Viewing some of the property's where access dollars have been spent has proven to me, A lot of my dollars are wasted in this program.

Nick Myatt

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Name	Dustin Webb
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No I feel that if you do this you will change party hunting and family traditions and you won't get as many kids to start hunting. Crazy thing is, if the cougar population was controlled at a lower, safer number and deer and elk numbers were up then there would be way more people hunting. More successful hunters means everyone wants to do it.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	No I feel that if you do this you will change party hunting and family traditions and you won't get as many kids to start hunting. Crazy thing is, if the cougar population was controlled at a lower, safer number and deer and elk numbers were up then there would be way more people hunting. More successful hunters means everyone wants to do it.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	It would be nice to be able to hunt both at the same time.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Most deer buck hunts should be 3 point or better. That is a fork horn on one side with eye guard. Same for elk, that way after 1 year or 2 years there will be just as many successful hunters with bucks that are just as tender tasting but also another 20 pounds of meat.

Nick Myatt

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Name	Michael Bibbee
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	During this time i feel that Archery season for Elk should be a draw. it will help with pressure in many areas.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I would also agree that Archery for Deer should be a draw hunt.
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	I would like to see the Cascade Elk changed to November to allow Deer hunting the same time in all units.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#913]

Name	Jeremy perkins
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

hey there just want to start off saying i appreciate all the hard work you guys do for the hunters in this state. But can we please leave eastern oregon open for general archery season i use to hunt the ochocoos growing up but it got turned to a draw hunt so now i hunt the ukiah unit with still yet to shot an elk with my bow. This year i did draw a controled hair tag for ukiah to help better my odds. And i see that the have big problems with elk damage in some of the eastern units so was just curious if having less archery hunters over there will make this problem worse

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

i have seen a large decrease in mule deer so i would support a draw for Eastern Oregon mule deer. But i feel they are loosing there habitat and that is the biggest contributing factors into them not have increasing numbers and what i feel is high predator numbers in cafeing areas like coyotes and cougers

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

allow deer hunting to continue during current west cascade season

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#912]

Name	Jeremiah Porterfield
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	My Biggest concern is everyone who doesn't draw a East side archery will end up hunting the cascades, being the closest hunting opportunity, and numbers are down in units like the Santiam- I feel it could endanger hunting opportunities now and for future generations...
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	How about a 3point or better rule for a few years on all eastern Oregon rifle tags.... There aren't mature deer in the herds like 20 years ago and numbers are declining let's slow the implementation of season changes and control the problem please.... opening weekend of any seasoning, especially the Ochocos is depressing when you see 90% of deer hanging being a fork or spike
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	The trouble with keeping deer open during the general elk season is the total number of hunters in the woods that week- Second- if you move season to November I worry the overlap of muzzloader Elk tags as well as late season Archery deer
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	+3 point or better buck on all eastern Oregon rifle deer tags for a few years except for 14 and younger (still any legal buck)

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#911]

Name Nicholas Clarno

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1. I support changing archery elk from general to controlled season as long as 85–95% of tags go to residents.
Archery If tags change to controlled and I get to watch a large amount go to non-residents because of higher
elk: profits, hunting oregon for me will be my last option. The hunter numbers to available public land in way
change out of proportion. I support limiting the tags available for a better hunting experience.
from
general to
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

2. I don't do a lot of deer hunting, probably because the majority of deer on public land are barely legal. Big
Archery deer are on private land due to the amount of hunting pressure. I support a controlled season
deer:
change
from
general to
controlled
season in
eastern
Oregon.

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): I have mixed feelings on western oregon elk. I do worry that making eastern oregon a controlled archery elk hunt will push more hunters to the west where there is very limited public land available. Moving the "rifle" season will pressure more to hunt western oregon elk during archery season.

Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

I hope that oregon can start coming up with better options to improve hunting experience. I personally have made out of state hunting more of a priority due to high hunter numbers and a less enjoyable experience. If eastern oregon archery elk go to controlled hunting I would like to see an incentive for oregon residents hunting archery elk on the west side. Possibly resident only units or resident hunters receiving first preference on tags. I have given up on buying

sports-pac in oregon and spend my money to hunt other states due to the quality of experience, a majority of that being high hunter numbers in oregon units.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#910]

Name	Nate Thompson
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

No! This would be a big blow to archery hunting and slowly start killing the tradition. If you want to limit tag numbers make people choose there weapon. There are plenty of general season rifle hunts for the rifle hunters so they shouldn't be able to bow hunt if they put in for a rifle tag. If this is about controlling elk harvest why did you just give over the counter cow elk tags to private land owners. That is going to negatively impact our elk herds in the future.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

No! Deer numbers are down but this will not do anything for them. We need better habitat, predator management and a 3 point or better restriction. Making it a draw does nothing to help the deer herds!

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Keep current dates

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#909]

Name	Ed Howard
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Good idea. Had to stop hunting General season areas years ago because of overcrowding. Please enforce these proposed changes however. Tired of rifle hunters who didn't draw a rifle tag deciding to go bow hunting at the last minute. Always has been unfair and bad for the sport of bow hunting. Hopefully this helps resolve that or is a step in the right direction.

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#908]

Name	Jerrod Winters
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I'm not in favor of controlled elk archery hunts in eastern oregon. As we will not be able to hunt the same area every year.
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I could see this being viable for 4 or 5 years as buck numbers are down
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Both species at same time

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#907]

Name	Lucas Campbell
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Yes change is needed!! But only if you live in western Oregon! All I see over here is (Portland hunters). If you live on the west side it should be controlled to hunt in eastern Oregon. That will greatly reduce overcrowding and increase maturity in the herd from over harvesting young animals and lost or wounded game.

Hound hunting!!! Predator control!!!

Leave us alone in Eastern Oregon!!!

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Same as above, western Oregon hunters should have to draw to hunt eastern Oregon!!!

A three point plus system on mule deer should also be implemented. Duh! No mule deer left, stop harvesting fork horns!!! Let them grow up, get wise and have a better chance to survive.

Hound hunting!!! Predator control!!!

3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.

Idaho does just fine with deer and elk hunts at the same time!! Not sure if the west side can figure it out but give it a shot!!

4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)

3 point plus for mule deer!!! Rifle and archery!!

More tags to help wipe out the (invasive species) whitetail in eastern Oregon.

Controlled hunts for western Oregon hunters on the the Eastside.

Bring back hound hunting!!!

Predator control!!!

Nick Myatt

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Name	Kyle Weiler
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I think units that are already draw tags should stay that way and the same for general tag but I do think a 3pt minimum for an animal to be harvested on a general tag
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	Every eastern Oregon unit should be 2pt Minimum Not one visible antler
3. West Cascade elk (general any-legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Keep current date and allow deer hunting to continue during elk season

Nick Myatt

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Subject: 2021 big game regulations comment form [#905]

Name Brian Lund

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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

I'm one of many hunters who have saved up their elk points, 10 total for myself. Being raised in La Grande as a kid I've always considered the surrounding mountains my hunting area. I always hunt Starkey cause I put in for Wenaha 1st choice and haven't drawn yet. Now with this new proposal, I have 2 choices. (A) Continue to put in for 1st choice Wenaha and hunt Western Oregon the next 10 years until I draw or (B) Put in for 1st choice Starkey and loose ALL 10 points I've saved up, for a unit I've hunted since I was a kid. I dont want neither 2 choices because I feel like I'm being robbed of my elk hunting range of freedom in Oregon that we've been given for so long. And I find this incredibly unfair.

Nick Myatt

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Name	Brian Hiatt
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Please don't change. There are anti-hunting people that apply for controlled hunt tags every year and don't actually purchase them or do and don't hunt, just to take tags away from hunters. In addition to your own statistics that show low harvest rates, likely due to archery being hard, rather than no animals, it doesn't seem necessary to limit tags at this point.

2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.

Please don't change. There are anti-hunting people that apply for controlled hunt tags every year and don't actually purchase them or do and don't hunt, just to take tags away from hunters. In addition to your own statistics that show low harvest rates, likely due to archery being hard, rather than no animals, it doesn't seem necessary to limit tags at this point. The few times I've archery hunted eastern Oregon I saw deer, lots inaccessible due to private land, but several on public land that I just didn't have the skill or luck to get within archery range of.

Nick Myatt

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Name	Aaron Hoeft
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1. Archery elk: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	I'm not a fan of this idea. As an avid archery hunter I like to move around, bounce from unit to unit in eastern Oregon (own land in 3 units). Elk act differently at different elevations and with different weather. Not being able do this would ruin archery hunting for me and my group of friends.(We will spend are money to hunt in deferent states) I also have 16 preference points, and this change would likely make it so I wouldn't be able to elk hunt for several years or have to waste 16 yrs of waiting on a special tag. If everyone truly wants to rifle hunt then why not add another rifle season .
2. Archery deer: change from general to controlled season in eastern Oregon.	My opinion is different than elk here. I think draw archery tags is a good idea.
3. West Cascade elk (general any–legal weapon season): Move season to November OR keep current dates but allow deer hunting in Cascades to continue during elk season so hunters can pursue both species at same time.	Hunting deer and elk together would be fun.
4. Other changes being considered (incl. tag numbers/hunt tables for specific hunts)	Adding another late/early season rifle hunt for elk in all units would serve the people better than more regulations on archery. Putting a two week season early August would give people a chance at a velvet bull would be extremely popular. People are losing interest in hunting because of the draw set up for rifle, Adding it to archery would be devastating for our youth hunters